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PM meets MKs in coalition crisis

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has invited several members of the coalition to meet with him today in the wake of growing dissent over the government's handling of the further redeployment and Har Homa.

Netanyahu is expected to meet with, among others, MKs Hanan Porat and Zvi Hendel of the National Religious Party and Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled of Tsomet, all of whom are threatening to vote against the government in a Labor motion of no-confidence.

MK Yossi Beilin and other Labor leaders yesterday urged the party to reconsider its faction decision last week to put off a vote of no-confidence in Netanyahu, due to his trip to Russia tomorrow. The decision, made by Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen and party chairman Shimon Peres in response to a request by coalition chairman Michael Eitan (Likud), was seen in Labor as Peres's way of appeasing Netanyahu, in the hope of forming a national unity government.

Eitan yesterday continued to call for the formation of a unity government. Foreign Minister David Levy will decide today whether to put off his scheduled trip to the United States because of the crisis within the coalition.

A vote of no-confidence needs a 61-MK majority to pass. If it does pass, this would mean new elections for both prime minister and the Knesset.

MK David Re'em (Likud) called on Netanyahu to resign, "because his voters have lost their faith in him after he broke various promises." Re'em said he would vote against the prime minister in a no-confidence motion.

Netanyahu has abandoned the Likud way and his promises as if they never existed," said Re'em. "Netanyahu is not even demanding that [Yasser] Arafat change the Palestinian Covenant as he promised as a condition for the continuation of the diplomatic process. Israel is divesting itself of all its assets and by the time the talks on the permanent arrangements take place, there will be nothing left to give up. This is not what we dreamed of."

Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) also said he is also considering voting no-confidence in the prime minister.

The NRP's Hendel and Porat have both said they would vote no-confidence, while Shaal Yahalom is demanding the NRP faction discuss leaving the coalition.

Deputy Education Minister Peled and Haim Dayan (both Tsomet) have also said they would either vote no-confidence in the prime minister or absent themselves.

The two-member Moledet faction — Rehavam Ze'evi and Benny Elon — announced on Friday they too would vote against Netanyahu in a no-confidence motion.

On the other hand, Yisrael Ba'Aliya faction chairman Roman Bronfman said "there is no doubt that Yisrael Ba'aliya will remain faithful coalition partners."

Beilin, who is running for the Labor Party leadership, yesterday came out strongly against the formation of a national unity government.

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Rehov Bar-Ilan protest resumes

Haredim demonstrating on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan flee from police yesterday morning. About 500 haredim were involved in the protest; they shouted 'Shabbos' at passing motorists, threw garbage into the street and attempted to block traffic. Police kept the street open. (AP)

Arabs press for Har Homa debate in UN General Assembly

By MARILYN HENRY, HILLEL KUTTNER, and news agencies

NEW YORK — Arab countries pressed yesterday for an emergency meeting of the 185-nation UN General Assembly, after the United States on Friday vetoed a Security Council resolution calling on Israel to abandon plans for a new Jewish neighborhood on Jerusalem's Har Homa.

The vote in the 15-nation council late Friday was 14 in favor, with only the US opposing the resolution, which was sponsored by four of its European Union allies — Britain, France, Portugal, and Sweden.

A similar resolution is considered certain to win overwhelming backing in the assembly, where there is no veto but whose resolutions are not binding.

The US was among nearly 50 countries that criticized Israel's decision during a two-day council debate. But Ambassador Bill Richardson, the new US envoy, said the council is not an appropriate forum for issues now under discussion between Israel and the Palestinians.

He also said the resolution made "sweeping statements concerning the legal status of Israeli settlements," which Israel and the Palestinians had agreed would be among permanent status issues to be discussed at forthcoming talks.

"The adoption of unbalanced positions by outside parties can only damage this process," said David Peleg, the Israeli charge d'affaires.

In Jerusalem, Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur expressed satisfaction at the US veto as well as Israel's "serious reservations" over the European initiative in the resolution.

The current chairman of the Arab group, which initiated the council debate, Ambassador Nasser bin Hamad al-Khalifa of Qatar, said an emergency session of the assembly would be convened as soon as possible. "We will achieve a solution which is accepted by the majority of the human race," he told reporters.

The Palestinian Authority's UN observer, Nasser Kidwa, said the US veto would have a negative impact on the Middle East peace process. The veto "might be misunderstood by the Israelis... as some kind of green light or yellow light for them to proceed with their project," Kidwa added.

In Washington, US officials said they remain opposed to the Har Homa decision, but that with an Israeli-Palestinian peace process established, the UN is the wrong forum for addressing the controversy.

State Department spokesman Elaine McDevitt warned that it would be a "tragedy" should the Palestinians respond with violence, because "only through negotiations" have Palestinians attained their goals.

Also Friday, the US issued a mixed response to the cabinet's decision on redeploying from about 9 percent of the territories. "We believe this decision is a demonstration of Israel's commitment to the peace process," a statement released by spokesman Nicholas Burns said. "This decision is not clear that the

town of Halhoul, near Hebron, some territory near Bethlehem, and territories just outside of Jenin, Nablus, and Ramallah. There is no territory being given up that would link Palestinian cities.

Of the 9%, 7% comes from Area B, the territories under shared Israeli-Palestinian control; these areas will now become part of Area A, which is exclusively controlled by the Palestinian Authority. Area A will now encompass 10% of the West Bank.

The rest of the territory to be yielded comes from Area C, which until now has been under exclusive Israeli control. Two percent of this is to become Area B, and 0.1% is to become part of Area A. Following the pullback, Area C will comprise 68% of the West Bank, and Area B some 22%.

Meanwhile, officers in the Central Command are to get the details of the government's decision today, so that regional commanders can draw up plans for the redeployment.

Regional brigade commanders have to decide what additional security measures are needed, such as joint patrols or additional police or troop presence, before the pullback can take place.

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US ambassador to the UN Bill Richardson (left) and Israeli representative David Peleg before Friday's Security Council debate. (AP)

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US pledged support for 9 percent pullback

By DAVID MAKOVSKY and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu secured a US promise to issue a qualified endorsement if the cabinet voted late Thursday night to withdraw from 9.1% of the West Bank, sources indicated.

The cabinet voted 10-7 to approve the 9.1% pullback, and the US endorsed it within an hour of the vote. The US statement, issued by State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns, said the US welcomed the move, while being hopeful that Israel would do more in the second and third pullbacks.

"We believe this decision is a demonstration of Israel's commitment to the peace process," Burns said, adding the pullback "represents a serious expansion of Palestinian authority."

The government wanted the US statement out of concern Israel would be accused by the Palestinians of approving a pullback that was not sufficient.

The redeployment is expected to be carried out by the end of this week, military sources said. OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ophir, the commander of IDF forces in Judea and Samaria, are planning to meet with settlers leaders to explain the security ramifications of the government's decision.

"And there are a lot of them," said one military source.

Both Netanyahu and General Security Service head Ami Ayalon said during the marathon cabinet session Thursday night that a 9% pullback, which was close to the 10% the US was urging, provided the best hope that the Palestinians would not riot in response to the planned construction on Har Homa, cabinet-level sources said.

According to this view, the Palestinians would find it difficult to get violent if the pullback won American approval, however qualified.

However, Palestinian officials had been publicly insisting that this pullback would involve 30% of the territory. So it is not clear that the

much smaller pullback, combined with frustration at the US veto of a UN Security Council resolution on Har Homa, will be enough to prevent Palestinian rioting when bulldozers are to begin work at Har Homa in about a week.

Ministers suggested that the GSS's evaluation helped carry the vote for Netanyahu, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, and Foreign Minister David Levy, who all favored this option. Pullbacks of 5% and 7% were also proposed, but not voted upon.

Contrary to reports, it was apparently Netanyahu, as well as Mordechai, Levy, and Finance Minister Dan Meridor, who phoned US Ambassador Martin Indyk during the meeting to both inform him of the direction of the

vote, and to ensure that the scope of the pullback would elicit a US statement.

The planned pullback includes the

Pullback Phase I

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The newspaper said Indyk told Ze'evi: "The last time somebody called me a 'Jewboy' was when I was 15 and then he got a punch in the face."

Ze'evi replied: "Well, try me. Let's see you. You are a Jewboy."

Indyk: "You are a disgrace to your people."

Ze'evi: "You are a son of a bitch."

Yediot said Ze'evi later offered an apology, which Indyk accepted.

The Foreign Ministry statement said Indyk "personifies the friendship" between Israel and the United States.

"There is no place for such remarks against the ambassador of a foreign country. The Foreign Ministry values [Indyk's] personal contribution and professionalism for years toward the Israel-US relationship," it said. "Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur telephoned Ambassador Indyk and expressed his regret over the offensive statements."

"It is the ambassador's view that the matter is closed," US spokesman Richard Scorza said.

Spitting image: Teacher's DNA shows blood tie to 9,000-year-old skeleton

LONDON (AP) — Using DNA from a tooth, scientists have established a blood tie between a 9,000-year-old skeleton known as "Cheddar Man" and an English schoolteacher who lives just one kilometer from the cave where the bones were found.

It is the longest human lineage ever traced, the team of scientists from Oxford University's Institute of Molecular Medicine said yesterday.

The scientists announced that Adrian Targett, 42, a history teacher in the town of Cheddar in southwest England, shares a common ancestor with Cheddar Man.

"They would have shared a common ancestor about 10,000 years ago so they are related — just not very closely," said Dr. Bryan Sykes, leader of the research team.

Targett was startled by the news. "I am overwhelmed, a bit surprised," said Targett, whose ancestry was revealed during the filming of a documentary. "I was just about to say I hope it's not me."

Targett suggested that if more people were tested, researchers would find other relatives of Cheddar Man.

Dr. Larry Barham, a Texas-born archeologist at Bristol University, said the finding "adds to the evi-

dence that Britons came from a race of hunter-gatherers who later turned to farming because they found it was to their advantage."

Opponents of this theory argue that Britons are descendants of Middle Eastern farmers.

To get the DNA, scientists extracted cells from a molar tooth of Cheddar Man. They compared the mitochondrial DNA — which is inherited unchanged on the maternal line — with samples of mitochondrial DNA from the cheek cells of 15 pupils at the Kings of Wessex school, where Targett works, and five adults from old Cheddar families.

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NEWS

in brief

Four-month baby dropped from window

A four-month-old boy was dropped from the third-floor window of his Jerusalem apartment onto a first-floor balcony yesterday afternoon by his 11-year-old sister.

The boy is in critical condition at Hadassah-University Hospital, at Ein Kerem. Medics who arrived on the scene found his head had swollen to twice its normal size. The incident took place on Binat Yissachar Street, in Kiryat Beitz.

Elli Wohlgelemer

Yahav demands debate over IDF dog unit

Following a Channel 1 story on the use of attack dogs in the IDF, MK Yona Yahav (Labor) said he would raise the issue in a motion to the agenda in the Knesset plenum. According to Yahav, who has studied the subject for several months, the dog-handling unit lacks trained manpower which prevents it from being used to its full potential and even leads to unnecessary loss of life.

He said both the dogs and their handlers were not sufficiently trained and the IDF lacks a policy of integrating the dog unit with its other operations.

Liat Collins

GSS confirms Palestinians released prisoners

General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon told the cabinet at its special session late Thursday night that the Palestinian Authority had released dozens of security prisoners in recent weeks, including those who had killed Jews. He was responding to a question from Communications Minister Limor Livnat.

Itim

Curfew imposed on Beit Omar

The IDF yesterday imposed a curfew on the village of Beit Omar, on the Gush Etzion-Hebron road, following disturbances there which began on Friday. Village youths threw stones at IDF soldiers and border policemen on Friday and again yesterday.

Villagers said the violence was in response to news that Beit Omar would not be included in the first stage of the IDF pullout and that they wanted to express their resentment at being abandoned by the Palestinian Authority.

Itim

Two killed in weekend road accidents

A four-year-old boy was run over by a bus and killed Friday afternoon near his home in Kiryat Sefer. Also Friday, 23-year-old Guy Shlaf of Holon was killed when his motorcycle hit a truck in Jaffa.

There were 49 road accidents over the weekend, in addition to the two people killed, 74 people were injured, one seriously and three moderately.

Itim

Rabbi to meet Clinton on cloning

Rabbi Chaim Silverman, an activist of Rafah (Medicine According to Halacha) in the US, is to meet Tuesday with President Bill Clinton in Washington to discuss genetic cloning and to present him with the halachic approach to the issue.

Rafah officials here are waiting for the results of that meeting, before holding a session here to discuss the halachic ramifications of the issue.

Rabbi Yehoshua Scheinberger, chairman of Rafah, said that the US has classified information relating to cloning, and it was hoped that Silverman would be able to get access to some of that information, which would help rabbis formulate a firmer halachic position.

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sion on the first phase of further redeployment represents a serious expansion of Palestinian authority. It is only the first step in a three-phase process and we hope the government of Israel will do more in the second and third phases.

Burns also said that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu briefed Secretary of State Madeleine Albright after the decision was taken Thursday night.

In an appearance Friday before the National Association of Arab Americans, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said Egypt is withholding comment until it consults with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. But he criticized what he called Israel's "return to the illegal policy of settlements, actions that would alter the status of

Jerusalem." He said a continuation of the policy would lead to a "real crisis" in the peace negotiations.

In Gaza yesterday, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat chastised the US for its veto, calling it "a completely wrong decision." (See story, Page 2)

The defeated council resolution would have expressed deep concern over Israel's decision to "initiate new settlement activities in the Jabal Abu Ghneim area in East Jerusalem." It would have called on "the Israeli authorities to refrain from all actions or measures, including settlement activities, which alter the facts on the ground, preempting the final status negotiations, and have negative implications for the Middle East peace process."

The previous US veto was in May 1995, to block a resolution calling on Israel to rescind the expropriation of 53 hectares of Arab land in eastern Jerusalem.

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ment.

"Labor would be making a mistake if it gave Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's government the oxygen it needs to survive," Beilin told party activists in Netanyahu.

Beilin called for holding a no-

confidence vote tomorrow, stressing "there is no reason in the world not to vote no-confidence in this bad government."

MK Ehud Barak, considered to be ahead of rival Beilin in the race for party leadership, said that forming a unity government now is out of the question and "anyone who does so will be branded with a mark of disgrace."

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Egypt faces scolding on antisemitism

Congress increasingly riled over inflammatory remarks in Egyptian press

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - As President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Washington yesterday for a four-day visit, Congress was once again upset with Egypt.

The latest point of contention is Foreign Minister Amr Moussa's minimizing complaints voiced by members of the House International Relations Committee of antisemitism in the Egyptian press.

According to participants in their meeting on Thursday, Moussa retorted that since Arabs are Semitic, the Egyptian press could not be antisemitic. He also reportedly stated that regardless, the Israeli press was nasty toward Egypt.

"He brushed it off. Maybe he doesn't realize how serious people are about this," a key House of Representatives aide said Friday. "I don't think Amr Moussa does [understand]. If he does, he doesn't show it. Egypt considers itself a leader in the Arab world. There are privileges. There are responsibilities. ...

"They just don't get the depth and breadth of members' concerns about the peace process, antisemitism in the press, human rights - the whole panoply of issues."

There are indications that some members of the House would now support reducing Egypt's aid package due to the

growing list of grievances.

The aide said that symbolically slicing into Egypt's \$800 million in annual economic assistance (Cairo also gets \$1.2 billion in military aid) is a "real" possibility in light of the "cumulative" effect of what is seen as Egypt's unhelpfulness in the peace process. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith will greet Mubarak with a full-page advertisement in tomorrow's *New York Times* that shows three derogatory cartoons from the Egyptian press. The advertisement is headlined: "You have the power, President Mubarak, to stop the antisemitic hate in Egypt. Use it."

Mubarak is to meet tomorrow morning with President Bill Clinton as well as with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

International Relations Committee chairman Benjamin Gilman and Democratic member Tom Lantos did raise the issue of the antisemitism during the meeting Thursday with Moussa. However, there was no discussion of tying Egypt's performance on that or the peace process to its aid package.

In a committee hearing last month, Lantos complained to Albright about Cairo being "less than helpful" in the peace talks and suggested that aid could be used as a lever.

But Jo Bower, spokesman for House foreign operations subcommittee chairman Sonny Callahan, said Friday that

Callahan would not support a cut unless the Clinton administration requested it.

After talks with French President Jacques Chirac in Paris on Friday, Mubarak said that the Middle East peace process was going through a tough period but was not on the verge of crumbling.

Mubarak told reporters after dinner at Chirac's Elysee Palace late on Friday: "One cannot say that the peace process threatens to collapse. It is true that it is going through a difficult phase."

Mubarak said that the issue of peace in the Middle East had been on the agenda for the past 30 years and could not be resolved quickly. "It is certainly going to face several problems, but with goodwill we're going to succeed," he said.

Chirac told reporters he had once again noted that Egypt and France saw eye-to-eye on bilateral, regional and peace process issues, and world and especially African questions. "Everything that President Mubarak said, I could have said," Chirac added.

A Chirac spokesman said that the attitude toward new Jewish settlement of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, whom Mubarak met on Wednesday in Cairo, prompted concern on his commitment to the peace process.



Peace Now activists march with torches last night from Mar Elias toward Har Homa, to protest against the planned construction of the Jerusalem neighborhood.

Har Homa protest ends peacefully

By JON IMMANUEL and news agencies

Some 2,000 protesters marched toward Har Homa on Friday. Marwan Barghouti, Fatah head in the West Bank and Palestinian legislative council member, said the turnout, in sunny weather, was relatively low, because "23 buses were stopped at roadblocks north of Jerusalem."

Protesters from Hebron said they had arrived at the site only because they came early.

Salah Taamari, council member for Bethlehem, said there had never been a plan to expend energy on a one-time massive demonstration but to "come again and again and again."

The marchers, who started from a school in Beit Sahur, shouted slogans including "Shame on Netanyahu," but were stopped by a line of soldiers and policemen on a hilltop opposite Har Homa at the Jerusalem municipal border. The marchers protested peacefully and there was no tension.

Prayers, first for Moslems and then for Christians, were held and Jewish supporters from Gush Shalom (the Peace Bloc) sang peace songs. Peace Now and other activists, including Meretz MKs, marched from Mar Elias toward Har Homa in a torchlight parade last night.

Senior security sources said they do not think the Palestinian Authority wants to encourage violence, but rather "to build a case" through constant civil protest that would encourage the international community to force Israel to back down and add to the PA's diplomatic clout.

Yesterday, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat met with Jordanian Prime Minister Abdel-Karim Kabariti in Gaza and deplored the US veto in the UN Security Council debate on Har Homa.

"This was completely the wrong decision," Arafat was quoted as saying. "What the Israelis have done needs strict discipline of international legality to stop it."

Kabariti, taking Arafat's hand in his, affirmed Jordan's support of Arafat's position, saying it is up to the US "to prove that the veto does not mean some kind of backtracking." Arafat left with Kabariti for Amman, where he was greeted by King Hussein.

PA Information Minister Yasser Abed-Rabbo warned that the US decision was not an attempt to protect the peace process, but "a position against the Palestinian people."

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IAF blasts Hizbullah targets

By DAVID RUDGE

At least one Hizbullah gunman was reported to have been killed or wounded during continuing fighting in south Lebanon over the weekend.

IDF warplanes struck at targets of the extremist Shi'ite organization in the Jba'a area north of the security zone yesterday.

There were no immediate reports of any casualties in the air raid. The IDF spokesman said the pilots reported accurate hits and that all planes returned safely to their bases.

The air strike followed a Hizbullah mortar attack on IDF and South Lebanese Army troops in the eastern part of the zone. There were no casualties in the attack, and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Earlier in the day, Hizbullah gunners fired mortars and Sagger anti-tank missiles at an SLA position in the Zummriya area, also in the eastern sector of the zone. There were no casualties and IDF

and SLA gunners returned fire. One Hizbullah gunman was reported hit by the return fire.

Reports from Lebanon said the shelling was relatively heavy, with IDF and SLA gunners firing more than 100 artillery rounds.

Fighting was also reported on Friday, apparently in the Soujud-Rehan region in the zone's eastern sector, when mortars and at least one anti-tank missile were fired at IDF troops.

There were no casualties in that incident either, for which Hizbullah also claimed responsibility, and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Meanwhile, there were reports from Lebanon that SLA troops had vacated two positions in the Kafir Falus area, in the Christian-dominated Jezzine enclave north of the zone over the weekend.

Lebanese radio and television reports maintained that the movement was a sign that Israel intends to implement a "Jezzine first" decision as a prelude to a possible withdrawal from south Lebanon.

France: Lack of Syrian accord may cause regional deterioration

By ELDAD BECK

PARIS - The lack of any evident flexibility in the positions of either Israel or Syria means that peace talks between the two countries are unlikely to resume soon, and the situation in the region might deteriorate, French officials said over the weekend.

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Albanian rebels loot main army base

News agencies

GIROKASTER - Hundreds of rebels ransacked the main army base in southern Albania yesterday while bewildered soldiers stood by, eyewitnesses said.

Jubilant rebels seized thousands of arms including assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and launchers, and then left the base firing their new weapons in the air, they said.

Meanwhile, former Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky yesterday headed for Tirana in charge of a one-day fact-finding mission for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The OSCE initiative follows similar missions by the Council of Europe and the European Union.

Vranitzky early this week had been asked by chairman-in-office of the 53-nation OSCE, Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen, to go to Tirana. But that

trip was delayed by initial Albanian government opposition.

Vranitzky's delegation includes representatives from ten other countries - the trika countries - Switzerland, Denmark and Poland, the previous, current and next country holding chairmanship of the organization, the European Union trika countries Ireland, Netherlands and Luxembourg as well as the United States, Russia, Italy and Greece.

In the south of Albania Gjirokastra, 30 km from the Greek border, is the main government stronghold and one of the few towns which has not joined the revolt against President Sali Berisha.

Earlier yesterday, at least six army helicopters arrived in Gjirokastra and disgorged dozens of troops to bolster morale in the beleaguered town, which is cut off by land to the north and the south.

But eyewitnesses said local residents gathered quickly and

opened fire as confused soldiers got out of trucks near the town square. About 15 soldiers surrendered and the rest ran off, they said.

If Gjirokastra goes over to the rebels, most of the south will be in their hands and Berisha will face a country which is split cleanly in two.

Rebels seized towns throughout the south last week in a popular uprising against Berisha. Locals blame Berisha for the collapse of five popular investment schemes in January, which wiped out the savings of tens of thousands of Albanians.

The armed militants controlling much of southern Albania have begun talking to each other in an effort to make common cause against the Berisha government.

Defense committees have formed in dozens of towns and villages in the south, their leaders controlling the roads linking the towns with heavily armed checkpoints.



An armed Albanian rebel waves during an anti-government demonstration in the southern port town of Sarande. (Reuters)

Royals riled over prince's confirmation

Diana annoyed with guest list

LONDON (AP) - Plans for Prince William's confirmation today have been marred by reports of arguments over the guest list and insults to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The private service - a Christian equivalent to bar mitzva, in which young people affirm their acceptance of church teachings, will be a milestone for the 15-year-old, destined to be king and head of the Church of England.

But the festivities have been blighted by his status as child of the world's most spectacularly broken marriage.

Scattered reports of hostilities over the guest list have built up steadily. The newspaper reports, as usual anonymously sourced, said Princess Diana was furious that Tiggy Legge-Bourke, who is companion to William and 12-year-old Prince Harry when they are with their father, would be a guest and helped organize confirmation plans.

And the *Daily Mail* said yesterday Diana was annoyed to find that former staff members with whom she had strained relations had been invited.

Diana is widely reported to dislike Ms. Legge-Bourke's close relationship with her sons. The hostility between them went public last year when a famous libel lawyer acting for Ms. Legge-Bourke demanded Diana

withdraw remarks made to her during a party. The matter was settled privately and the insult involved was never authoritatively published.

Now, the *Daily Mail* reports, Ms. Legge-Bourke, 31, has decided on a tactical withdrawal and will not be present at the confirmation service. Neither will she accompany the young princes on their Easter holiday in Kenya with Prince Charles, as had been planned, the newspaper said.

When William does stand in Windsor Castle's 500-year-old Saint George's Chapel today, he will not be confirmed by Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, a member of the church's evangelical wing.

In a break with recent tradition, William will be confirmed by the Bishop of London, the Rt. Rev. Richard Chartres, a traditionalist.

"Royals Snub Archbishop" blared *The Daily Mail* Friday, referring to Carey's "royal humiliation." But Carey "wholeheartedly approves" of the choice of Bishop Chartres, responded the archbishop's Lambeth Palace office.

Buckingham Palace said Carey was not being snubbed and that "the Bishop of London is dean of the Chapels Royal, so it is entirely appropriate that he should be asked to officiate."

Zaire rebels amicable to UN plan

GOMA (Reuters) - Zaire rebel leader Laurent Kabila said yesterday rebels could accept a five-point UN plan as a basis for more discussions but a cease-fire could only come after talks.

"If we accept it then it is so that we can negotiate, the points on the plan are there for discussions," Kabila told a news conference in the eastern Zairean border city of Goma.

A cessation of hostilities is the first point of the five-point peace plan, which the United Nations Security Council adopted on February 18 and on Friday called on Kabila's rebels to accept after the Zairean government agreed to the plan.

Kabila said his forces were meeting heavy resistance from soldiers of the Hutu former Rwandan army fighting on behalf of the Zairean government around Kisangani, the largest city in northeastern Zaire.

"We will negotiate the cease-fire with the Mobutists and there are no pre-conditions," said Kabila, referring to allies of Mobutu Sese Seko. Zaire's ailing president the rebels are fighting to topple.

Other points of the UN plan are withdrawal of all foreign forces, including mercenaries, reaffirmation of respect for the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of Zaire and other states of the region, the protection for all refugees and the convening of an international conference on Zaire.

Beirut orders trial for Red Army suspects

BEIRUT - A Beirut judge issued a trial order yesterday against five alleged Japanese Red Army terrorists charged with passport forgery and other offences carrying up to 10 years jail.

Investigative Judge Saed Mirza issued the order after nine hours of interrogation of Masao Adachi, Kozo Okamoto, Mariko Yamamoto, Kazuo Tohira and Haruo Wako.

Before the interrogation began the five suspects rejected two lawyers appointed for them by the official lawyer's union and appointed their own, Bahara Abu Saad.

Abu Saad, who attended the interrogation, told reporters at the Palace of Justice that the interrogation covered all the charges.

At least 50 lawyers volunteered on Friday to defend the Japanese, saying this was an act of loyalty towards the terrorists who had stood by Arabs in their struggle against Israel.

They were arrested on February 15 and Lebanon announced that it would try them for local offences despite Japanese hope of extraditing the five to face international charges arising from terrorist activities.

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20,000 Belgians mourn slain child

By ROBERT J. WIELAARD

BRUSSELS (AP) — Some 20,000 people attended a memorial ceremony yesterday at a mosque for a young girl found three days earlier in a gas station basement, the fifth victim of child sex murders that continue to rattle this country.

The body of Loubna Benaissa, nine when she disappeared in 1992 — was later flown to her parents' native Morocco for a Moslem funeral in Tangiers today.

The one-hour memorial was broadcast on national television.

It renewed the national pain, grief and shame over a spate of child sex murders and shocking shortcomings by Belgian police to investigate them properly.

The memorial ceremony was held at Brussels' main mosque, around the corner from the European Union head office.

The round building was filled to capacity by hundreds of people: Loubna's family and relatives, parents of other children murdered in child sex crimes or still missing, envoys of Arab nations and representatives of the Belgian government and royal family.

Police estimated a crowd outside the mosque at almost 20,000 — many of them Moslems in white head gear as a sign of mourning.

They stood under a pale sun in a city park watching the ceremony

on giant television screen. Many had tears in their eyes and held pictures of Loubna whose body was found Wednesday stuffed in a trunk in the basement of gas station near her Brussels home.

Police have arrested Patrick Derochette, a known child-abuser, who worked as a mechanic there. He has been charged him with the Aug. 5, 1992, abduction of the Moroccan girl and her subsequent sexual abuse and murder.

Derochette has not been linked to Marc Dutroux, a convicted child rapist, arrested last August for sexually abusing and killing four young girls whose funerals were also broadcast on national television last year.

However, his case rivals that of Dutroux when it comes to police bungling: a child abuser remains free for years. The license plate of a car with Loubna inside is reported after the girl's disappearance, but not checked out. A witness who heard a child cry was ignored. Documents were misplaced, names misspelled.

Loubna's sister Nabela Benaissa, 19, and other speakers had harsh words for that at yesterday's memorial.

They wondered why it took police almost five years to make an arrest or locate the young girl's body that had been hidden in the very neighborhood where she lived.

Paul Marchal, whose daughter

An has allegedly been murdered by Dutroux, said, "Once again it has been shown that what could and should have happened, did not." A parliamentary inquiry into what ails Belgian law enforcement is to be completed this month. Such has been the extent of officialdom botching the investigations, that the hearings so far by the legislative commission have raised suspicions of a cover-up in the Marc Dutroux case.

Dutroux and Derochette both had records of sexual abuse of young children. Both were released early from prison, but not properly monitored nor considered as suspects on in the investigations of missing children.

Last October, 250,000 Belgians marched through Brussels demanding better law enforcement and more honest government.

That "White March" — the color signifying the innocence of children — has become a national movement with local chapters.

The mosque ceremony was a remarkable cultural mix. Moslems sat on carpets on the floor, but chairs were brought in for Justice Minister Stefan de Clerck, Brussels Mayor Jean-Francois Xavier de Donnea and other dignitaries.

Loubna's body was not wrapped in fabric in accordance with Islamic tradition, but taken to and from the mosque by hearse in a small white coffin.



A Russian couple poses for a photo in front of a procession of Communist supporters demonstrating in Moscow on Women's Day. The banner reads, 'Women will save Russia.' (AP)

New Microsoft browser bug found

SEATTLE (AP) — Another security flaw has turned up in Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser, the company has confirmed. Like the one found earlier in the week, it could enable a Web site operator to wreak havoc in someone else's computer.

This second defect would allow the operator to run programs secretly on another computer, send electronic mail under someone else's name, severely damage software stored on a hard drive or wipe out the hard drive altogether.

"Scary, isn't it?" said Dan Kusnetzky, a director at International Data Corp. in Framingham, Massachusetts, after hearing a description of the flaw. It was discovered by David Ross, a University of Maryland student.

In addition, a third bug, described by Microsoft officials as a variation of the flaw found earlier this week by students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts, was identified Friday by students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

David Fester, product manager for the Internet platforms division at Microsoft Corp.'s headquarters in Redmond, Washington, said software to repair all three flaws would be available on Microsoft's Internet site this weekend.

The most dangerous aspect of the second bug in Internet Explorer 3.0 is for users running Windows NT 4.0 with Service Pack 1 or 2 who are not protect-

ed by "firewalls," computer security barriers typically used by large business customers to prevent unauthorized entry through cyberspace.

The second bug would allow a malicious operator to put an innocuous-looking icon or graphic on a web page that, if double-clicked, would activate a damaging program or virus capable of bypassing security measures and secretly entering a user's personal computer.

Once inside, the program would be free to do whatever the operator wanted.

"For somebody to do this is very difficult," Fester said.

"At the same time, I don't mean to minimize this in any way.

"We're moving very rapidly to fix that." The software patch Microsoft developed to fix the previous problem won't fix the second bug, but a new patch should be available for free downloads on the World Wide Web within 48 hours, Fester said.

Ross, a senior majoring in computer science from Randallstown, Maryland, reported the second bug Thursday to Microsoft and described it on the Web, complete with point-and-click examples.

In a telephone interview, Ross said he discovered the flaw while checking out the previously identified defect.

"It came to me after about 10 or 15 minutes," Ross said.

Newspaper 'prophet' dies at 80

NEW YORK (AP) — Ruth Clark, a market research firm owner whose landmark study suggested that US newspapers cover family issues and other "soft news" to

keep circulations from declining, has died of lung cancer. She was 80.

In addition to her 1979 study, *Changing Needs of Changing*

Readers, Mrs. Clark helped introduce exit polls into American politics and journalism.

She began as a door-to-door questioner, eventually designing surveys and becoming a vice president at Louis Harris and Associates in the 1960s. She was a senior vice president at Yankelovich, Skelly and White until 1983, when she started her own market research firm, Clark, Martire and Bartolomeo.

She married Joseph Clark, who became the foreign editor of *The Daily Worker*. The couple moved to the Soviet Union in 1950, but became disillusioned and returned to the United States in 1953.

Yeltsin appoints liberal as first deputy premier

Hundreds protest Chubais's appointment

By ANATOLY VERBIN

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russia celebrated Women's Day yesterday with flowers and odes to the country's wives, mothers and daughters but some women used the day to protest the appointment of liberal Anatoly Chubais to a key government post.

Several hundred supporters of the Congress of Soviet Women and other groups demonstrated outside the Kremlin against President Boris Yeltsin's appointment of Chubais as first deputy prime minister.

"Down with Chubais" and "Fire Chubais" were among the chants of the mostly elderly pro-Communist crowd protesting against conditions in Russia. Some banged spoons on metal pans and bowls.

The Chubais appointment on Friday is likely to give momentum to free-market reforms in Russia, entice the West and enrage the communist-dominated State Duma lower house of parliament.

The opposition hate "Iron Chubais" for his privatization campaign in 1992-1996 which they see as a cheap sell-off, and for his key role in Yeltsin's 1996 re-election victory.

Yeltsin marked the annual Women's Day holiday with a radio address, telling Russian women he adored them all but also using the chance to snipe at parliament and at his own government.

"When you try to resolve the problems of a family budget, you have to put more into it than our deputies or members of government, because, unlike them, you have to make a budget which can be met," he said.

Yeltsin said last week he had major doubts the spending plan could be fulfilled but he had signed it to avoid political turmoil. The government's plan was bad and the Duma had made it even worse, he said then.

Yeltsin's jovial tone yesterday matched the festive atmosphere in Russia but contrasted with the seriousness of his move bringing Chubais to the government.

The appointment of Chubais followed a decisive state of the nation speech to parliament by Yeltsin which marked his return to the helm of power after eight months of illness.

The West is sure to hail the new role for Chubais. He is trusted by the International Monetary Fund and the Group of Seven industrial nations and is capable of reviving confi-

dence that reforms in Russia are not stalled.

Shortly after the Chubais announcement, US President Bill Clinton also gave an optimistic prognosis for the Russian economy.

"I'm convinced that they have the capacity, if they make certain changes, to enjoy a phenomenal amount of economic growth in a relatively short time, which I think would help a lot of things in their country," he told a news conference.

Chubais is known for his fierce anti-communism and ability to ignore criticism. An excellent administrator and organizer, he not only generates ideas but is also capable of ensuring their implementation.

Yeltsin's Women's Day message followed the sentimental format developed in Soviet days.

"They are my words of love to you and I think (my wife) Naina Iosifovna will forgive me," the 66-year-old Russian leader said in a clear, light-hearted voice. "Russia is a country of immense riches but the biggest of all are you." Yeltsin acknowledged the burden borne in particular by Russian women, saying that they had to be "wonderfully inventive" to make ends meet.

Cambodian leader prefers prison to exile

PHNOM PENH (AP) — Cambodia's most prominent opposition leader said yesterday he would prefer prison to exile if convicted of what he calls politically motivated accusations that his party murdered the second prime minister's brother-in-law.

"I will not ask to be exiled," Sam Rainsy said. "I will stay in prison because I want to fight for the truth. I am not afraid." Sam Rainsy, leader of the opposition Khmer Nation Party, said that the

allegations were a divide-and-conquer ploy to destroy his new alliance with First Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh's royalist Funcinpec party and two smaller groups.

The National United Front alliance is targeting Hun Sen's former communist Cambodian People's Party, the country's most powerful political group, in legislative elections due next year.

Police announced this week that three members of Sam Rainsy's party had been arrested on charges of murdering Col. Kov Samuth, Hun Sen's brother-in-law, who was gunned down Nov. 19 outside a restaurant.

Among the suspects was Srin Vong Vannak, chief of security for Sam Rainsy's party. The opposition leader denied the other two — one of whom has reportedly con-

fessed to pulling the trigger in exchange for \$50,000 — were party members.

Sam Rainsy accuses Hun Sen and his supporters of fabricating the evidence. The former communists, who ruled Cambodia in the 1980s with support from Vietnam's occupation army, still retain control over most of the security apparatus, including the police.

Hun Sen has said he wants to find out who ordered the killing, suggesting it was Sam Rainsy, who has been harshly critical of the second prime minister and his party for alleged corruption and political violence.

Rainsy has not been questioned or charged in the killing.

Hun Sen and Ranariddh have governed Cambodia in an uneasy coalition since UN-brokered elections in 1993.

Irish president meets pope

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) — Pope John Paul discussed Ireland and the Northern Irish question with President Mary Robinson at an audience at the Vatican yesterday.

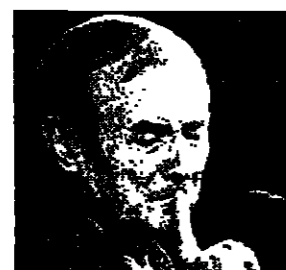

Chief Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls told reporters the two discussed "defense and promotion of spiritual values" in Ireland and the problems of the family.

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An electronic war of words

By JUDY SEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Read the following question and circle the correct answer:

Why doesn't the Education Ministry allow pupils to use an electronic dictionary while taking the English-language matriculation exam?

A. The ministry believes such dictionaries are too expensive and beyond the financial means of many pupils. It does, however, allow all pupils to use printed dictionaries during the three-hour exam.

B. The ministry believes that the electronic age may be too overwhelming and wants pupils to know how to look up words in a printed dictionary.

C. The ministry is confused about whether education should stress memorizing information or knowing how to find and use it.

D. The question is incorrect. Pupils suffering from dyslexia and other learning disabilities may bring an electronic dictionary into the testing room and use it.

E. Studies have not proven that using any dictionary during exams raises scores.

F. All of the above.

The correct answer is F.

For years, high-school pupils taking the matriculation exams in mathematics have been able to make use of scientific calculators, thus making unnecessary the need to memorize a variety of formulas. This speeds up calculations, of course, but the electronic gadgets won't help those who don't know what to do with answers displayed in split seconds.

But the Education Ministry — struggling over the notions of capitalism versus socialism and the print media versus digitization — still bars the use of considerably more expensive electronic dictionaries for the English bagrut.

Various companies that market such dictionaries protest against this "outdated, discriminatory" policy, while the ministry admits that it's confused by the issue. The ministry's chief supervisor of English, Judy Steiner, says that the English advisory committee is due to meet next month, to discuss this and the use of dictionaries in general. She says she and other members of the committee (other ministry officials and university English experts) will decide the matter "by consensus."

"There certainly is a financial factor," she says, "as not all pupils can afford the devices, helpful as they may be. But there is also the pedagogic factor. We have even found that schoolchildren with digital watches don't know how to read a



The Education Ministry will soon decide if pupils can take electronic dictionaries into tests.

clock with hands," she insists. "Despite the growing use of computers, youngsters must still know how to get information from books."

Steiner's predecessor, Raphael Gefen, disagrees. "I understand that the reason given by the ministry is only financial. If the price of such dictionaries can be brought down significantly, I would strongly favor allowing the use of electronic dictionaries during the exams. You can't fight progress."

Gefen, a British-born lexicography expert who retired as chief English inspector five years ago, has a personal interest in this debate: he was editor of the Franklin-Oxford Electronic English-English-Hebrew Dictionary, which is now being marketed around the country by Si-Or Technologies Ltd. in Petah Tikva. But Gefen, who is now working on print dictionaries, says Si-Or paid him a fixed sum for his two years of work, and has no further financial interest in the dictionary, thus he can be objective.

Franklin-Oxford is based on the Oxford University Press's Oxford Student Dictionary, meant for foreign students of English. Gefen and a Tel Aviv firm, Targumel Eicht, translated all 50,000 word entries in the volume, providing the Hebrew translation in a few words and also allowing users to press a key to define any word in the longer English-language explanation.

Since most English words have a variety of definitions and usages, the Franklin-Oxford team supplied a large number of sentences contain-

ing the defined word.

Pressing a help key also presents the word in all its possible senses. One can also look up the word in Hebrew for its English translation, but the English explanations are much more extensive. "This was intentional," maintains Gefen, "as dictionaries that define a word in the foreign language itself contribute much more to memory and understanding than an ordinary bilingual dictionary."

The electronic dictionary also offers games, such as hangman, which users can learn from vicariously.

Si Technologies managing director Uzi Haramati declares that other electronic dictionaries on the market pale in comparison to his own. "They give just a couple of words as a translation, without the sentences, the grammatical explanation and all the material needed by pupils. TextOn, Milonit and Targumel are really intended for businessmen and others who need direct translation of a few words. We don't regard them as competition."

Haramati also says other dictionaries wildly exaggerate their content. "They say they contain hundreds of thousands of words; this doesn't mean actual entries, but rather words used as definitions in both languages. This is highly misleading. We have 50,000 entries, and high-school pupils who want exemptions from college-entrance English tests need a vocabulary of fewer than 8,000."

This reporter, who borrowed a Franklin-Oxford for two weeks,

indeed found that the Franklin-Oxford was very impressive, offering much more content and depth than any of the others. It is also very small, compact and easy to use. But there is the matter of price.

The Franklin-Oxford is more expensive than the others: it sells via Visa and Isracard for NIS 690, and purchasers can also order additional electronic "cards" that expand its content to include the American (English-English) Merriam-Webster Dictionary, the Concise Columbia Encyclopedia and a greater variety of word games.

Haramati claims the ministry hasn't even asked him about price. "The Oxford Student Dictionary is approved by the ministry for use in bagrut exams. If it approves the electronic dictionary, our company will be able to significantly cut the price, and consider offering it to pupils who can't afford a one-time payment with very easy payback terms. Maybe even a leading arrangement could be worked out with the ministry. But it hasn't even approached us," he says.

Although 12th graders would undoubtedly welcome having an electronic dictionary in their hands, at least one expert suggests barring the use of all dictionaries — printed and electronic — at bagrut exams. Professor Bernard Spolsky, chairman of the English department at Bar-Ilan University and chairman of the ministry's English advisory committee, says that "scientific studies conducted in Haifa and England on the use of printed dictionaries in foreign-language matriculation exams are not helpful to the average pupil. Its effect depends on the kind of dictionary, the type of student and the type of question."

If any of these factors are not right, using a dictionary during a test can be a waste of time when time is an important factor. No studies have, to his knowledge, been carried out on electronic dictionaries and their effect on exam-taking and exam reliability.

Spolsky, who concedes that digital English dictionaries probably offer considerable incentive to learn, adds that "the easiest way to measure language proficiency is the extent of a person's vocabulary, so providing the answers introduces statistical error into the results and makes them more unreliable as predictors of success in college. All the bagrut exams are bad; the English test is probably less so. But using dictionaries of any type during tests skews their ability to predict success, so I will recommend to the committee that it rescinds its previous decision to allow print dictionaries."

As they follow these deliberations, high-school pupils will probably be rooting for the dictionaries.

NEW WORLDS

Computers as art

By POST SCIENCE REPORTER

Personal computers are functional but ugly as furniture. Students at the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design recently took up the challenge to design more aesthetic PCs. The competition was organized by the Green Shop computer chain, but don't try looking for these 21st-century designs on its shelves too soon.

Uri Wolff won the \$2,000 first prize — plus a week's visit to an art academy abroad — for his idea of a computer that seems to float in space. When it's closed it looks like a piece of sculpture. Open it up and the screen and keyboard are ready for work. The screen can be rotated 360 degrees.

No'am Yalon won second place (\$1,000) for her versatile tabletop or wall-mounted screen. The third-place (\$500) winner was Yaron Kaplan, whose computer on wheels can be moved from place to place like a vacuum cleaner and be set on by a child. Rami Ben-Ami, an honorable mention winner, designed a slim-silhouette computer that could be hooked up to a network server and be put in every room of the house or hung on any wall.

Other innovative designs included a PC that's an integral part of a writing or ironing table, that has a regular-sized screen but is foldable like a laptop, and that replaces the child's bookbag, making pencils, books and notebooks obsolete.

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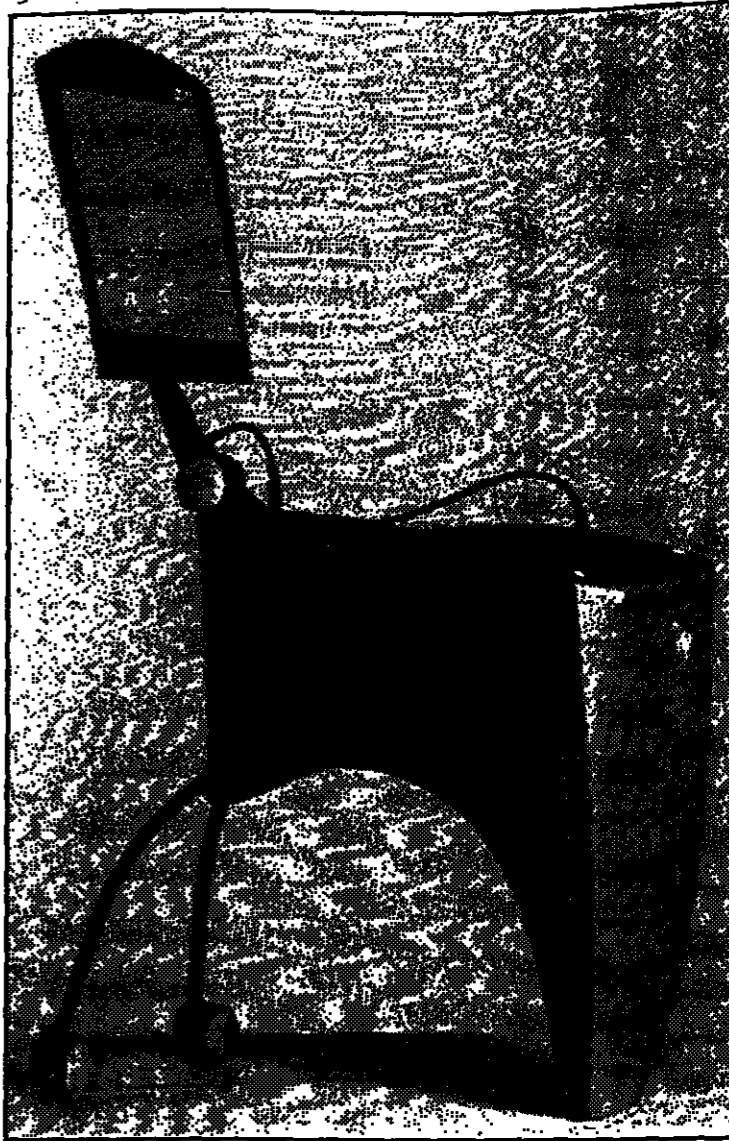
Does your family discuss politics and other external subjects over the dinner table, or just personal things? (Perhaps you don't all meet over dinner at all?) A Hebrew University researcher, who received an Israel Science Foundation grant, has documented significant differences in the communications patterns of families headed by poorly educated parents and the communications skills and success of their children in school.

Dr. Shoshana Blum-Kulka's research is cited in *The Forum*, a quarterly published by the American Foundation for Basic Research in Israel.

She found that in less-educated families, an average of 62 percent of conversation deals with personal topics and 12 percent on non-immediate subjects of general interest; in better-educated families, the respective figures are 45 and 35 percent.

She also found that less-educated families are far more strict in demanding, and arguing over, factual evidence.

Comparing the language skills of



Yoram Kaplan's imaginative computer can be wheeled around the room.

children in the two groups, she asked them to define 10 common nouns. She found that those from well-educated families used much more detail than the poorly educated and tended to use a formal format, such as "A sofa is..." rather than just a phrase.

High ratings for both explanation and detail were strongly connected to overall communications skills. Thus, concluded Blum-Kulka, verbal interactions in families seem to affect and help predict the development of verbal skills needed for educational success.

DEAD ON THE NET

In Japan, it will soon be possible to be virtually dead. Reuter reports that a Buddhist temple in the city of Hiroshima plans to open a "virtual graveyard" on the Internet.

Visitors will be able to choose dif-

ferent types of electronic tombstones and include photos of the deceased and family records on a Web page. They will also be able to create their own memorials in advance and leave informal wills for their families.

Yukihiko Takada, a monk at the Kamounin temple, said the idea came from people who live too far away from the temple to visit but wanted to tend family memorials and pay respects to ancestors. Some 200 people have already asked to register; they included numerous Japanese living abroad and others whose relatives' graves had been destroyed in the 1995 Kobe earthquake. It has also received requests for virtual graves for deceased pets. The Kamounin temple homepage (<http://www.urban.or.jp/home/kamounin/>) already boasts about 20,000 retrievals a month.

HEALTH SCAN

More drunks on the road

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

There is little basis for the belief that drunk drivers are not a major factor in road accidents. If a survey conducted by family physicians in Beersheba represents the situation around the country, Israel is in trouble.

Drs. Aye Peleg, Pesach Schwartzman and Roni Peleg of the department of family medicine at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev interviewed 110 drivers aged 17 to 38 chosen at random in public places in the city. Their results are published in the latest issue of the *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association.

Forty-three percent of them reported that they drive after drinking alcohol, and nearly a quarter of these do it often. One in 20 drink alcohol while they drive! The heaviest drinkers were the most likely to drive after drinking. The researchers asked how much they drink before and during driving, and the amounts were enough to make most of them high risk for causing road accidents, the researchers found. In fact, 15 percent of the respondents said they had been involved in a road accident during the previous 12 months.

According to Israel Police statistics, the rate of road accidents in which drunk drivers are involved is steadily growing. A 1993 study of people leaving pubs found that half of them drove themselves home even though they had been drinking, and a third of those who actually felt under the influence of alcohol intended to get behind the wheel.

DISK-COVERY

All about elephants and other animals

By JUDY SEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Hapil (*The Elephant*); and *Hadov* (*The Bear*), two CD-ROMs in a series, for all ages, each a multi-lingual version (including Hebrew) of disks by Lascaux Infogrames and distributed here by Mirage Multimedia, NIS 149 for the elephant disk and NIS 159 for the bear disk.

Rating: four-and-a-half stars out of five

Remember the old Jewish elephant joke? One Jew goes to the zoo along with his friend who has never been there before. After getting a long discourse about the elephants, their life cycle and habitat, the novice looks at his friend and asks: "Is it good or bad for the Jews?"

About the only thing that the first disk doesn't deal with is "The Elephant and the Jewish Problem."

Everything else is there — from its birth to death — presented in an excellent format full of serious text, whimsical animation, exciting video film and full-color photographs.

The same is true about the bear disk, and it is probably also apt regarding the *Ha'aryeh* (The Lion) disk in this series, that I haven't yet seen.

The information is cleverly displayed like a loose-leaf binder; the user clicks the lower edge of the screen to flip the page over. The program on each disk is translated into 11 languages, including English and Hebrew, of course, as well as Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish, Danish, Dutch and other European tongues.

Unlike most other "virtual book" translations, the Hebrew version — properly and thoughtfully — goes from right to left instead of vice versa (which is very confusing to young users).

The title page even boasts that "no woodlands were destroyed for the production of this virtual book."

Each disk contains 30 chapters that are easily accessed either by browsing in order or going directly to a special button to choose what you like. Each chapter deals with a different subject.

Alongside the text on the screen are icons that can be clicked for multimedia material: a friendly encounter between male elephants or a bear fishing for a salmon, for example. Click the icon of a radio on each screen to hear interesting background information. This is especially useful to younger children who can't read the voluminous text. One icon even recites Rudyard Kipling's poem about an elephant.

Each screen also shows a cartoon-style animal that, if clicked, performs an animated task related to the chapter's subject (the elephant will even play tic-tac-toe with you and the bear eats honey).



Hapil is part of a CD-ROM series on animals.

After learning all you can, you can test your skills on the very enjoyable test section containing dozens of multiple-choice questions based on the material. Each program ends — how else? — with a posterior view of the animal.

The disks' highly enjoyable edutainment format could be used for every type of animal in the zoo — or any other subject that lends itself to multimedia.

The only people who won't like these CD-ROMs are those who have absolutely no interest in animals (but how many people are there like that?).

Search for your Israel Cousin II, a CD-ROM in English, for children aged 10 and up, by the Davka Corporation of Chicago, distributed in Israel by Alan Rosenbaum (02-9933470), NIS 130.

Rating: three-and-a-half stars out of five

You don't have to be a Diaspora Jew to appreciate this disk, but it helps. The plot centers about the passing away of "Uncle Chaim," who left a will and stipulated that it could be read only in the presence of all your relatives.

Your mission (not impossible) is to locate all your relatives around the world and bring them to Israel for their reading of the will. (The first version of the disk is entirely about Israel.)

The game starts with the presentation of your 12 relatives. Click on each, one at a time, for an introduction, from zaides and bubbas to small cousins.

The details about them are not very relevant to the game, but they are pretty comical and stereotyped: the favorite food listed for "Bubby" is "chicken soup — what else," and her "favorite rock artist" is Michelangelo (this joke won't play well in Jerusalem or even Tel Aviv). Her favorite relative is "you of course... oy, I'd love to pinch those cheeks." Cousin Rebecca, for example, is an accountant whose favorite TV show is *60 Minutes*, favorite food is tuna on rice cakes and "favorite hair color is Nice and Easy No. 32."

One at a time, you must search for a relative. There are 21 cities or countries around the globe where they could be hiding and over 200 clues.

But you have to pay for the air tickets and each clue.

If you run out of the money allocated at the start of the game, you're finished and have to start again. You are given a limited amount of time to find all the relatives; if you succeed, there is a surprise reward your efforts.

The clues (e.g. "He wanted to see the Geniza" refers to Cairo) are based on historical information about the Jews in each country.

When you have guessed the correct location, you select it from among five names on a world map and arrive (an animated plane takes you there).

A nice photograph representing the place is shown, along with data on the Jewish community.

This is a painless way to teach children some Jewish history. I found one error: Tel Aviv is described as "the largest city in Israel." This honor, of course, belongs to Jerusalem, even if the Tel Aviv metropolitan area is bigger than the capital's.

If the player can't make head or tail of it even with the clues, he can click on any of the 21 locations to get full information. At various places along the route, the player "finds" certain objects.

When used at the right place, the lawyer sends you more money for your expedition. You can also print the information out if you like.

The disk could charm Diaspora Jewish children who don't know too much about their heritage; Israeli kids who aren't fluent in English would find it difficult and not amused by their interests.

TELL ME WHY

Getting older and shorter

By JUDY SEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Why do the elderly get shorter and look shriveled? Jane, Jerusalem.

Dr. Yehzekel Caine, director-general of Herzog Memorial Hospital-Ezra Nashim replies:

This is one of the inevitable effects of aging. It happens to everyone, but is more blatant in some. There are genetic and environmental factors. People are shorter at night, as gravity makes the vertebrae press together during the day. Also, years of living cause the spinal bones to press down closer to each other, further reducing stature. As people age, their spines can collapse and fracture,

making the spinal column shorter. The loss of subcutaneous fat causes a reduction in bulk, muscle tone and under skin support, and as the years pass the tissue loses elasticity, causing crinkling that makes the skin look shriveled, especially in those who spent much time in the sun and in those who smoke.

Have you wondered about the scientific explanation for ordinary phenomena? Now you can get an answer. Mail your question to TELL ME WHY, The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem, fax it to (02) 538-9527, or send it by e-mail to jusie@post.co.il. Include your first name and place of residence.

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A principled veto

New US Secretary of State Madeline Albright is fond of calling the United States the world's "indispensable nation." The US veto of a UN Security Council resolution that would have expressed "deep concern" about Israel's plans to build a new Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem is one of those occasions that demonstrates the indispensability of America's moral approach to foreign policy.

The vote in the council was 14 to one. The resolution was not only supported, but sponsored by American allies Britain, France, Portugal, and Sweden. The easy thing would have been to go along with the crowd. But the US instead took a principled stand that demonstrates the difference between convenient demagoguery and a deep and long-term commitment to the peace process.

The resolution, like practically all UN resolutions, was an unadulterated exposition of the Arab position: The proposed Har Homa project is an "illegal settlement." Israel's position is that the project is not a settlement, but a neighborhood in Jerusalem, no different than half a dozen other neighborhoods built since the reunification of the city in 1967. Nor is it illegal, since the Oslo Accords say nothing to prohibit either Arabs or Israelis from building in areas that will be the topic of negotiations.

But the US objection was not so much the content of the resolution – which is not far from America's own stance – than the principle of the UN taking sides in the process. The new US ambassador to the UN, former congressman Bill Richardson, explained: "We have never believed, despite the useful role the council has played in working for a Middle East peace, that it is an appropriate forum for debating the issues now under negotiation between the parties."

The reason that the US is sadly correct in describing the UN as an "inappropriate forum" is that the UN's idea of furthering the peace process is taking the Arab position on every dispute. The vote on this resolution starkly demonstrated that even European nations most sympathetic to US foreign policy do not understand or care that by so unashamedly taking sides they are writing themselves out of a serious role in the process.

Clearly, the position of most nations toward the Middle East, including most enlightened democracies, is not determined by the merits of the issue or even by what is good for the peace process, but rather by the diplomatic weight of a bloc of nearly two-dozen Arab nations versus the bloc of one, Israel.

It is no coincidence that Israel belongs to no "bloc" of nations at the UN, and has never been allowed to sit on the Security Council. The morality of the US position flows from the fact

that United States is the only country in a position of power that sometimes resists this diplomatic version of "might makes right." It is sad commentary on European foreign policy that these nations let the US bear the sole burden of doing what is best for peace, not simply taking the course of least resistance.

Friday's attempted resolution by the Security Council was particularly illustrative of most nations' lack of interest in whether their actions are actually in the interest of peace. It is the Palestinians, after all, who are threatening to toss Oslo out the window by engaging in a violent response to Israel's decision.

An unbalanced condemnation of Israel, without any exhortation to the Palestinians to abide by their numerous commitments to non-violence, could have been read as a signal that the sole blame for Palestinian violence would have landed at Israel's doorstep, as it did in September over the opening of an exit to the Western Wall Tunnel.

Furthermore, it is worth noting that the Security Council's opposition to Israel's decision is the mirror image of the support for that decision in Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's cabinet, in the Knesset, and among the people of Israel. It is ironic that, on a day in which the UN almost blasted Israel's consensus position as threatening peace, the Netanyahu government was making a territorial concession to the Palestinians so controversial that it risked toppling the government.

Israel's cabinet voted 10 to 7 to hand over almost 10 percent of the territories held by Israel since 1967 to full or partial Palestinian control, as the first of three withdrawals required under the Oslo Accord.

This was controversial within the cabinet, because the withdrawal included some of "Area C," an area in which almost no Palestinians live, and because the Palestinians had made none of the concessions expected since the Hebron agreement.

Because of the cabinet decision, the 20-odd members of the Land of Israel Front within Netanyahu's Knesset coalition are threatening to join the opposition in bringing down the government. As the government continues to implement Oslo, with a larger margin of support than previous governments, the right wing could well decide that, paradoxically, a more centrist, or even left-led government is in its interest.

If the international community is seriously interested in the health of the peace process, it should be pressing the Arab world to demonstrate the benefits of the Israeli government's politically precarious policy of taking risks for peace. The world's indispensable nation should not have to bear this burden alone.



Escape from the sordid

There is no controlling legal authority that says this was in violation of law. — Al Gore, seven times (in one form or another), White House news conference, March 3.

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Controlling legal authority. Whatever other legacies Al Gore leaves behind between now and retirement, he forever bequeaths this newest weasel word to the lexicon of American political corruption.

Gore is talking here about his phone calls from the White House soliciting Democratic campaign contributions.

Now, he cannot say, "I have broken no law," because section 607 of Title 18 of the US Criminal Code states very clearly that there is to be no solicitation of campaign funds in federal government offices.

The magic words are 'no controlling legal authority.' That's the defense

What a paradox. Gore lavishes the most fulsome praise on the wisdom, vision and clear-sightedness of his president. But regarding what is and is not legal in the Clinton White House, Clinton is for Gore no authority at all.

The apologists say: Well, what's the difference? It is a meaningless distinction. Congressmen run out of their offices and make all cell phone calls from the Capitol parking lot to stay on the right side of this law.

Gore broke the law as written, as understood and as practiced. His defense? Apparently that there are no cases testing the law. So there.

The problem for Gore is not just that Mr. Clean is taking refuge in one of the flimsiest legal concoctions of our time. It is that this flimsy concoction is directly contradicted by his own president.

Here is President Clinton, one week earlier, defending his 103 White House coffees: "We got strict advice about – legal advice about what the rules were, and everyone involved knew what the rules were. ... There was no solicitation at the White House."

And in case that wasn't clear enough, here is presidential parrot Mike McCurry on the same Clinton coffees: "There is a separate restriction that exists for the solicitation of funds for political activities, which cannot occur on these premises."

Solicitation cannot occur on these premises.

McCurry: "The law is what counts... the law is the law... the law goes to the question of solicitation, and that's the issue."

\$50,000 campaign contribution in the White House from a California "hustler" (the National Security Council's word) looking for "access."

This comes just days after the Lincoln Bedroom list, the selling by a tenant of what most Americans regard as their common patrimony.

At the same time, the Commerce Department announces new rules banning what the Clinton administration had been doing for four years – giving places on international trade missions to fat-cat Democratic donors.

Meanwhile, documents emerge showing that the mad INS rush to naturalize a million new Americans last year (resulting in hundreds, maybe thousands of criminals sliding through unchecked) was done under the pressure of a White House eager to produce new Democratic voters in time for Clinton's reelection.

Clinton had made promoting trade the keystone of his entire foreign policy, and now it turns out that it was a vehicle for the crassest political money-grubbing. It turns out, too, that naturalization, that most sacred induction ritual into the American civil religion, was also made an instrument of Clinton's political purposes.

Is there anything Clinton and Company have touched that they have not corrupted?

On October 13, 1996 – amid all this immigration, trade, Lincoln Bedroom, White House phone-calls sordidness – Al Gore went on national television and said this: "The ethical standards established in this White House have been the highest in the history of the White House. You have a tougher code of ethics, tougher requirements strictly abided by."

And no controlling legal authority to contradict him.

But that's exactly the point. With active politicians, it is very hard to draw a line between public service and self-serving campaigning. It is precisely because the line drawn is necessarily somewhat arbitrary that it is very bright and very clear.

So clear that congressman, like furtive sidewalk smokers, must make their campaign calls outside. So clear that the president indignantly defends his coffees by saying he solicited no money. So clear that McCurry insists that the law is the law, and solicitation defines lawbreaking.

Ah, but that was last week. In this White House, a week is a lifetime. What was law last week is now history. This week the very idea of law gives way to "controlling legal authority."

But this week, too, the Clinton scandals finally reach critical mass. The reason is simple: volume. There are so many of them, coming from every direction.

News of Gore's lawbreaking comes days before news that the first lady's chief of staff took a

Top priority

ERIKA HECHT

As millions, maybe billions, of dollars in Jewish assets stemming from the Holocaust are about to become available to the Jewish community, it is not surprising that every under-funded – and deserving – institution and organization is clamoring for a share.

Ironically, the cancellation by Israel's Health Ministry of allocations to AMCHA, which provides psychosocial assistance to Holocaust survivors, has called attention to the population who must be the first to be benefited before any other funds are distributed: those who endured the horrors of the darkest period of Jewish history, and lived.

There are 300,000 Holocaust survivors in Israel today; some 150,000 others live abroad. This aging population requires the general health and welfare services needed by any other population.

But survivors also need social and psychological assistance to deal with the pain and trauma that was not laid to rest half a century ago – the loss of loved ones, delayed mourning, the absence of a family burial site, physical reminders of anguish.

World news, terror attacks, the uncertainty of everyday life in Israel – all are triggers which can bring long-buried emotions to the surface, even for those who have been successful at building new lives.

Many survivors are indigent. Contrary to popular belief, thousands do not receive any form of reparations. Among Russian immigrants alone, there are some 50,000 survivors whose former government is certainly not offering any compensation.

Where can these survivors find the funds for essential items like eyeglasses, hearing

We cannot allow Holocaust survivors to be victimized a second time

aids, prosthetic devices, and emergency call systems?

Many frail, elderly survivors are alone in the world. When they need old age homes, who will find them appropriate, caring placement? And who will cover the high monthly costs?

AFTER World War II, immigrants to Israel were expected to put the past behind them immediately, and devote all their efforts into building the new Jewish homeland.

Consequently, the State of Israel failed to pay sufficient attention to this fragile population in its midst. Money that was provided went to building memorials, because it has always been easier to honor dead "heroes" than deal with the reality of weakened survivors.

The decision to cut funding to AMCHA illustrates the sad fact that when government budgets are cut, it is survivors who get dealt the first blow.

It can be argued that, in not too many years, there will be no survivors left. But demographic statistics show that 100,000 survivors living in Israel were children when they endured the horrors of World War II. By all estimates, they will be alive in the year 2015.

And then there are some 700,000 children of survivors – the second generation – in Israel alone; people who never experienced the Holocaust directly, but carry its burden throughout their lives.

Providing them with appropriate therapy has become more and more important, and there are beneficial effects for their parents as well.

Building memorials to Holocaust survivors has captured hearts, minds and wallets around the world.

"There's no business like Shoah business," is how the late Manfred Klaffer, the Dutch survivor who founded Ancha, described the phenomenon.

The dead should be memorialized, he said. But, he stressed, it is crucial to care for the living.

Holocaust survivors must be first on the list of beneficiaries as soon as the European funds become available.

They must be helped now, while they are still alive. We must act to ease their pain and assure them that although they were victims of the Holocaust, they are now a cherished and valuable part of the Jewish people.

We cannot allow the survivors to be victimized again.

The writer is president of North American Friends of AMCHA-Israel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

- ARAFAT'S FOXINESS**
- Sir – The editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, in a talk last week in front of AACTI members in Netanya, recommended that people who have reason to be critical of a newspaper's wrong position should express their views, and "ultimately they will have an effect." The next day, the paper's editorial "A master player" (March 5) portrayed Yasser Arafat as a master tactician and Binyamin Netanyahu as a blunderer. It said that "everyone can understand Arafat's claimed objective: Peace in exchange for a Palestinian state," whereas Netanyahu comes across as an intransigent lacking a vision of peace.
- Rather than applaud Arafat as a master statesman, *The Post* would do better to keep emphasizing certain key points, such as:
- (1) Arafat's threats of violence and the unexpunged covenant are indicators of a long term plan;
 - (2) A democracy like Israel's is, by its very nature, messier than a dictatorship like Arafat's; and
 - (3) No matter what Netanyahu might declare as his target, he would be called inflexible and narrow-minded, by the media among others.
- Many of us recall how Hitler's guile won over the rest into believing he wanted only "peace in our time." It is up to *The Post* in its unique function as Israel's English window to the world, to keep spotlighting Arafat's foxiness for what it is.
- Ultimately this will have an effect.
F. BERCOVIC
Netanya.
- DANGEROUS SPY?**
- Sir – I would like to know if Marcus Klingberg is really more dangerous than Arab terrorists. Is he really a national threat more than Arab terrorists with Jewish blood on their hands? We are constantly releasing Arab terrorists, male and female, who had been serving life sentences but not releasing Klingberg. Since his spy days, things have changed. Don't you think both he and his information are both too old?
RIFKA MONDERER
Pethat Tikva.
- MEAN-SPIRITED RIDICULE**
- Sir – I do not understand why *The Jerusalem Post* consistently singles out Sara Netanyahu for derision and ridicule.
- On the day after Mrs. Netanyahu accompanied her husband on a visit to the pope the *Post* published an editorial cartoon, depicting her in a peasant outfit dancing before the pope like a mindless doll.
- I had watched world press coverage of that visit and it seemed to me that Mrs. Netanyahu was dressed appropriately for the occasion and behaved correctly. She seemed to me in that regard no different than other non-Catholic women visitors to the pope, such as Hillary Rodham Clinton – and Leah Rabin.
- Now the *Post* sees fit to call attention to the fact that on a visit to Amman Mrs. Netanyahu had a run in her stocking. The story (hardly a world shaking scoop) is accompanied not only by a photo, but by an enlargement of Mrs. Netanyahu's knees – should any one miss the point.
- Surely the *Post* has female staffers who know that a run in one's stockings is neither unusual nor totally preventable. To call attention to this occurrence during a state visit is both in poor taste and mean spirited. It is hardly an example of responsible exercise of freedom of the press.
ARNOLD I. KISCH, MD
Jerusalem.
- MOSQUITO PROJECT**
- Sir – It was a pleasure to read your science report on "Dead Sea area saved from mosquito plague," (February 23). This project, among many others, shows the benefits of Middle East regional cooperation at the grassroots level, or, may I say, at the level at which larvae breed. Mosquitoes recognize no borders.
- As a former US foreign service officer, now living in Israel, I can attest first hand to the extensive initiatives for regional cooperation supported financially by the US Agency for International Development, the foreign aid arm of the American Government.
- Your reporter Judy Siegel has opened a small but most welcome window on the extent and results of this unique Middle East regional cooperation program.
ART BRAUNSTEIN
Jerusalem.
- A SPIRITUAL COMPASS?**
- Sir – In responding to Jerome M. Epstein's "Please – Not 'winners' or 'losers,'" this reader is struck by his abuse of the Jewish concept of justice to promote an assimilationist political agenda. In each generation a Korah surfaces to arouse distrust and challenge the legitimacy of Israel's spiritual leadership, saying "You take too much upon yourselves, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them... how is it then, that you set yourselves up above the assembly of the Lord?"
- Instead of affirming how Israel's spiritual leadership and authority is properly entrusted to loyal guardians of an authentic Torah ethos, Mr. Epstein mimics Korah, saying, "the law would codify the tyranny of the Orthodox minority over the majority of Israeli citizens."
- Mr. Epstein, by prefacing his claim upon non-Jewish concepts of moral pluralism, and attempting to turn the majority of our citizens against Israel's spiritual leadership, is responsible for an unethical and brazen act of religious and political sedition, which ironically, would deprive all Jews of the "spiritual compass" which he so emphatically and correctly believes must serve "as a spiritual compass for world Jewry."
KEVIN E. ABRAMS
Safed.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



What heart problems? Boogeying Boris Yeltsin is pictured in Rostov at a rock concert last June, well before his heart surgery. The photo won third prize in the People category of the World Press Photo Competition.
(Alexander Zemlianichenko/AP)

هكذا من النجيب

Making peace is child's play

A Jerusalem synagogue is the latest playground for an initiative promoting peace and understanding among Jewish and Palestinian children, Ruth Mason reports

Five hours before Shabbat evening prayers, the sanctuary at Jerusalem's Congregation Kol Haneshama is transformed into a playground for peace.

The wooden ark containing the Torah scrolls remains in its place, but all the chairs have been pushed aside and the large, shiny marble floor is covered with circles of Palestinian and Jewish children holding hands, tossing balloons and crossing imaginary rivers together.

The children, six- to 10-year-olds from the Agron School in Kiryat Hayovel and a Lutheran and Catholic school in Beit Sahur, a West Bank village next to Har Homa, have been brought together by Play for Peace, a 10-month-old organization based in Denver, Colorado.

While Israel's Play for Peace's first site outside the US, it has similar play days planned in Bosnia, Nicaragua and South Africa. Their purpose, according to co-founder Craig Dobkin, is to promote positive relationships among children from conflicting cultures by getting them to have fun together.

Dobkin is part teacher, part clown, part magician.

As the children enter the large sanctuary, he blows rhythmically on his kazoo and waves them over. They gather in a large circle around him and Dobkin proceeds to entrance them with magic tricks, gets them to giggle

over silly handshakes and to mimic funny sounds. Without uttering a word, he keeps their delighted attention for 10 minutes before dividing them into three mixed groups to play with two pairs of Arab and Jewish teen facilitators trained for this purpose.

Dobkin does all this from a wheelchair. A rock-climbing accident 14 months ago left him with little feeling in his legs. Bearded, with long hair, he looks like actor Robin Williams and has the same energetic sense of humor.

Every once in a while, with a conspiratorial look and as though he is parting with a great treasure, he hands a teacher or child a Tootsie Roll from a large, hidden stash.

He toots through red plastic lips at a Jerusalem restaurant. He quotes academic research and Mother Teresa in the same

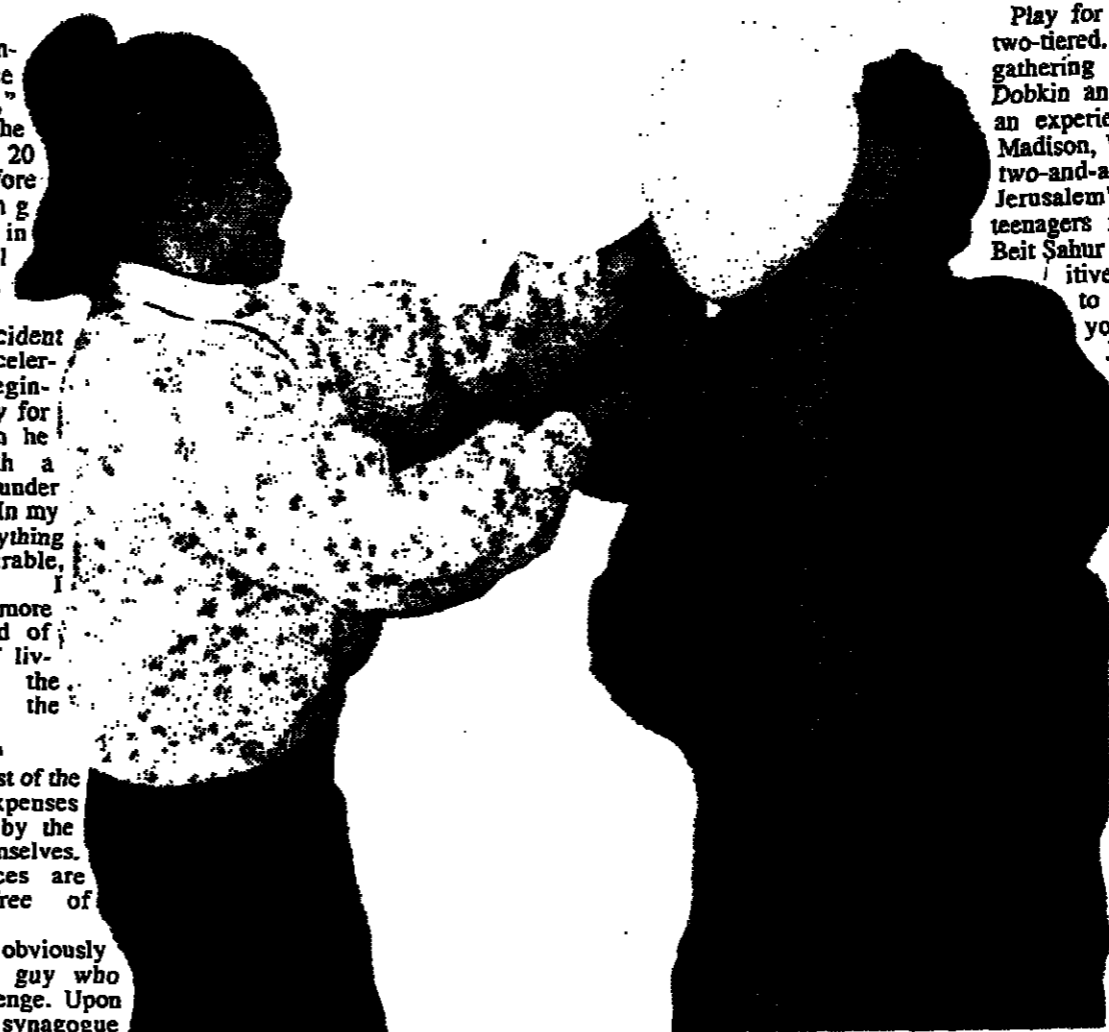
breath.

Calling himself a "nice Jewish boy," Dobkin said he taught for 20 years before becoming involved in experiential learning full time.

His accident probably accelerated the beginnings of Play for Peace, which he created with a partner just under a year ago. "In my old job, everything was measurable, manageable, wanted to be more in the world of creativity, of living in the unknown, the impossible," he said. At this point most of the project's expenses are covered by the founders themselves. Their services are provided free of charge.

Dobkin is obviously the kind of guy who likes a challenge. Upon leaving the synagogue after the play session, he maneuvers his wheelchair so that its back faces a set of outdoor stairs. Told there is a ramp around the corner, he says he prefers this route and proceeds to bounce down stair by stair while guiding himself with his hands on the banister.

The project received on-the-ground assistance from the Jerusalem Foundation and the Rapprochement Dialogue Center, an organization of Palestinians and Jews who sponsor dialogue groups. George



Saliba Rishmawi, 26, a Bir Zeit University English student active in the center, accompanied the children from Beit Sahur. "This is amazing," he said, watching the children run and laugh together.

"It's building a bridge at the grass-roots level.

"Although we at Beit Sahur are having trouble these days with Jabel Abu Ghneim (Har Homa), we'll not stop our coexistence work."

The games the children are

playing are not the usual ones you see in parks and playgrounds. They are purposely structured so that there are no winners or losers. In many of them, the group has to work together in order to achieve a goal. The kids are quiet at first, most of them never before having had contact with a child from the other culture. But a fast game of elbow tag, in which you are "safe" when you link arms with someone else, gets them laughing.

Minnesota study that states that: "When I hear something, at the end of two weeks, I retain 10 percent of it. What I see and hear, I retain 20 percent. What I see, hear and do, I retain 80 percent. And what I see, hear, do and teach, I retain 97 percent."

This is the rationale behind getting teenagers from both cultures to learn and then teach the games to the younger children.

It's clear from the way they greet each other at the start of the two-hour play period that the teenagers formed affectionate bonds during their two-and-a-half days of training. It's the common purpose of teaching younger children that creates the bonds, Dobkin says.

By the end of the two hours, the children ask if they will be able to do this again. "Fun," "fantastic," and "wonderful," are the words they use to describe their experience. "I learned a little Arabic and I learned that when people get together, they can do something big even when they are small," said one 10-year-old from the Agron School in the large closing circle.

"I thought Israelis and Jews were bad people who came here to steal our land," said a counterpart from Beit Sahur. "But now I see they are people you can play with and make peace with."

Rihab Jaber, 16, from Beit Sahur, said she had never talked to an Israeli before her Play for Peace training last week. "I thought it would be impossible for me to talk with them," she said. "I was small when the intifada began and the only image I had of Israelis was of soldiers trying to kill me."

"But I wanted the challenge. I managed to make friends. I know now that people aren't the problem. The people want peace. It's a problem of governments."

"The only image I had of Israelis was of soldiers trying to kill me."

—Rihab Jaber age 16

PLAY FOR PEACE is an initiative of an international organization called The Association for Experiential Education. According to Dobkin, experience is what counts. There is no talk here about peace, coexistence or tolerance. "You won't see the kids talking about their feelings here," he said.

"Words are a problem, not a solution. A picture is worth a thousand words," Dobkin continued, "but an experience is worth a thousand pictures."

According to Dobkin, Play for Peace's work is based on research that shows that six- to 10-year-olds are the best age group to work with for their purposes. "It's the time when kids are just becoming aware of self, others, of different cultures and how they interact," said Peterson, who raised the money for her trip to Israel and is volunteering her time here. Dobkin also quotes a University of

SHABBAT SHALOM



By SHMUEL RISKIN

The following is last week's portion, Ki Tisa, which was not published due to a technical error.

"God told Moses to speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'But my Sabbaths shall you observe, for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.'" (Ex. 31:13-18)

What is Shabbat observance mentioned again in the middle of a description of the tabernacle in the portion of Ki Tisa? For the previous six chapters - ever since the start of T'ruma - we've been dealing with the details of the tabernacle's construction. Then the Torah suddenly switches: "But my Sabbaths shall you observe."

What is the connection? The Shabbat may be holy, but so is the tabernacle. What about working on the Shabbat to get the tabernacle built as soon as possible?

According to Rashi, the verses in this portion come to forestall such a possibility. Rashi writes: "Even though you may be anxious and alert to do the work promptly, the Shabbat must not be pushed aside for its account."

Rashi points out that "always the terms rak and akh are limita-

Sanctity of Shabbat above all

tions, to exclude (ama'et) the Shabbat from the construction of the Tabernacle." Hence, the Torah is emphasizing that despite the best of intentions, no work on the tabernacle can take place on the Shabbat!

Nahmanides disagrees sharply with Rashi's use of the exegetical laws. Indeed, according to biblical rules of hermeneutics, the result should be the opposite of what Rashi claims: not excluding the tabernacle from work on the Shabbat, but rather excluding the usual Shabbat prohibitions and allowing the tabernacle to be constructed even on the Shabbat.

Of course, Nahmanides agrees that work on the tabernacle does not abrogate the Shabbat, but this is because he simply includes the tabernacle in all the usual Shabbat prohibitions. He must therefore use the word akh to teach something else. For Nahmanides, this is the commandment to save a human life - pikuah nefesh.

Akh, he says, comes to tell us that we must waive all Shabbat prohibitions in order to save a human life.

Although Rashi and Nahmanides interpret the function of the word akh differently, Rashi excluding Shabbat from the work of the tabernacle, and Nahmanides excluding the Shabbat when it poses danger to human life, I would like to suggest that if we combine both interpretations, we come up with a majestic truth about Judaism.

In looking at the Shabbat in relation to the tabernacle, Rashi's akh reminds us that although the holiest and most exalted physical endeavor may be the building of the tabernacle, "Akh shabtotai

tishmoru. "You must still observe my Sabbaths"; the Shabbat is holier.

Quite simply, the sanctity of time is greater than the sanctity of space. One of the reasons for this is that a sanctuary in time (to use A.J. Heschel's beautiful metaphor for the Shabbat) can never be destroyed by human weapons, whereas a sanctuary in space (the Holy Temple) has been destroyed twice. Perhaps as a consequence, the Jews have managed to live without their Temple, but could never have survived as a people without the Shabbat.

Nahmanides goes one step further. He knows that Shabbat is holier than the tabernacle, but stresses a sanctity greater than both - the sanctity of the human being. This sanctity is even alluded to in our verse, which begins: "But my Sabbaths shall you observe (Akh et shabtotai tishmoru)" and ends with: "This is a sign between me and you and all generations, that you may know that I am the God who sanctified you" (Ex. 31:13).

How will we know this? Because God created us in His image, and the strongest expression of that is the teaching that human life takes precedence over the Shabbat. On the Shabbat I can transgress all the laws in order to save a single human being.

In effect, God is saying that the holiest of all his creations is the human being! Even the most punctiliously observant seem oblivious to the sacred character of every individual, Jew or Gentile.

Two great hassidic rebbes, the Voorker and the Kotzker, were

once discussing holiness. The Voorker compared the commandment to live in a succa (booth) for the week of Succot with that of taking the "four species" during the same week. According to him, the succa was the more sacred command because, while the command of the four species enabled one to hold holiness, when in the succa it is holiness which holds the individual.

The Kotzker responded that from this perspective, the Shabbat remains the holiest of all commandments. After all, a person can always walk out of the succa, but he can never walk out of the Shabbat!

I would suggest that one can walk out of the Shabbat. Whenever an individual leaves the Shabbat table to go to a cinema, or opts not to have a Sabbath meal with candles, kiddush and singing, or interrupts the meal with angry words or slanderous gossip, he is in effect walking out on the Shabbat.

God is the one who gave us the Shabbat. God is the one who is introducing us to holiness. The greatest recognition of this is the recognition of the inherent holiness of the human being, created in His image, and the development of human compassion and sensitivity towards others, through which we become more God-like.

Thus, on the one hand we have the Shabbat - exalted, loved and honored by us for thousands of years.

On the other hand stands the human being, who is often neither exalted, loved nor honored, but who ought to be. Each and every Sabbath we must confront this profound truth.

HEADS 'N' TAILS

Feeding pets raw meat

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

One of the most common questions asked by dog and cat owners is whether they have to cook meat, poultry and fish for their pets or if they can feed these products raw.

Many are concerned because they have heard one or more commonly believed myths: that feeding a dog raw meat will make it vicious, or that it will cause intestinal parasites.

By and large there's nothing wrong with feeding raw animal products to a dog or a cat, in fact it is often advisable.

Cats and dogs are predators and their digestion is especially adept at handling raw meat. As for parasites, while fish may have fish tapeworm there is no danger of infection from eating raw fish - the parasite is specific to its host species and is destroyed by the digestive juices.

Dogs and cats get tapeworm from swallowing infected fleas, since the flea's body protects it in the stomach and passes it on to the intestines without damage.

As for raw meat making a dog

vicious, it won't. It might, however, make it healthy.

Another common query is about feeding chicken bones. All experts caution against feeding dogs chicken bones, but most owners still do. Chicken bones, in some circumstances, can splinter, creating a mass of small, very sharp bone needles. In some cases these can puncture the stomach or intestine.

While many dogs eat chicken bones all their lives without suffering any ill effects, a few do get into serious trouble and without surgical intervention die. It would be extremely negligent of anyone to advise feeding chicken bones to dogs since the possibility of danger is real, even though rare.

Another question concerns feeding leftovers and also treating dogs and cats to sweets. As for leftovers, most can be fed, all meats, dairy products and cooked vegetables with the exception of potatoes and beans.

Both of these complex carbohydrates are basically harmless but cause an excess of stomach gases. Some cats and a few dogs also like fruit and there is no reason not to

give it to them in small quantities. As for sweets, cats aren't a problem because most cats don't care for them but dogs have a "sweet tooth." The myth that giving a dog sweets will cause it to have worms is false, parasites come from infection with the eggs or larvae of parasites, not from candy. But like people, dogs can get a lot of dental problems from sweets and it is certainly best to avoid them. They do not need this sugar and it is preferable to treat them with a dog biscuit.

I personally think a combined diet of dog or cat kibble and the addition of meat and dairy products is preferable, and this includes table scraps as well. With cats, a portion of sardines or tuna in oil a couple of times a week will help keep the coat in good condition and will help prevent hair balls from forming. Cats get these often deadly hair balls by licking their fur and swallowing the matted hair. Dogs can eat an egg a week for good pelt but never give raw eggs to pups less than a year old as raw eggs prevent the absorption of essential vitamins in the young dog.

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AUSSIE SCUD LAUNCHER - Mark Philippoussis unleashes another rocket serve at Byron Black during their match at the Scottsdale ATP Tour event on Friday. (AP)

Aussie's serve sets mark

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (Reuter) - Australian Mark Philippoussis is known for his big serve. After Friday he will be known for the biggest serve of all. The towering 20-year-old, nicknamed "Scud", unleashed a serve Friday that was clocked by the radar at a record-breaking 142 miles per hour (228.5 kph). "I knew it was big but I didn't know it was that big," said Byron Black of Zimbabwe, who was on the receiving end of the world's fastest serve. "I didn't even see it."

Philippoussis's boomer down the middle, which came during a 7-5, 6-3 quarter-final victory at the Franklin Templeton Classic, eclipsed the previous mark of a 139.8 mph (225 kph) serve, set by Britain's Greg Rusedski in Beijing last year. "It felt extremely smooth and effortless," the Australian said of the biggest of his 17 aces in the

73-minute match. "I didn't try to hit it hard but my rhythm was so smooth. I didn't even feel like I hit the ball in," he said of the blast that put him ahead 4-1 in the second set. But upon hearing the crowd reaction, the 6-foot-4 (1.94 m) Philippoussis knew something was up and quickly glanced at the radar readout before raising his arms triumphantly. "The crowd was pretty excited, so I knew it was big," he said. Said Black: "He just put on a tremendous display of power, not only with his serve but his groundstrokes. He was teasing off on everything." Philippoussis does not intend to allow his record to last for long. "I'm always going to try to even beat this one," he said, "maybe even tomorrow."

Ali dominates list of best fighters of the last 75 years

NEW YORK (Reuter) - In a weekend set aside to honor the best fighters of the last 75 years - or at least their best parts - Muhammad Ali dominates the attention.



CHAMP - Muhammad Ali

Ali was nominated in four categories - Best Fighter, Best Fight, Best Boxer and Best Chin - as part of The Ring Magazine's celebration of its 75th anniversary. Ironically, it was the former Cassius Marcellus Clay's remarkable chin that not only played a big part in taking him to the heavyweight championship three times, but also likely contributed to the Parkinson's Syndrome he suffers from today. Ali could, and did, absorb tremendous punishment in his memorable bouts, including, of course, the "Rumble In The Jungle" against George Foreman in Kinshasha, Zaire, in 1974. It was that fight that gave boxing the phrase "Rope A Dope." Ali's term for his tactic against Foreman of leaning against the ropes and letting the awesomely-powerful

Foreman pound away on him. Finally, in the eighth round, when Foreman's punches were fewer and less powerful, Ali lashed out with a rapid-fire combination to knock down a tired, surprised Foreman to win the heavyweight title before 62,000 people. Ali also was nominated for the Best Fight, his 14th round knock-

out of Joe Frazier in the 1975 "Thrilla In Manila." Ali said that fight was the closest anyone could come to death. In further testament to his talents, Ali also was nominated as Best Fighter, in the voting for the Ring's championship belt, which was awarded at a dinner in Bally's casino last night. Foreman was nominated for Best Puncher, Best Knockout - his November, 1994, one-punch knockout of Michael Moore to win the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation titles - and Best Round for the fourth round of his fight against Ron Lyle in 1976. Joe Louis was nominated for Best Fighter and Best Puncher. The legendary Sugar Ray Robinson was nominated as Best Pound-For-Pound Fighter. A portion of the proceeds from the fighters' autograph sessions will be donated to an organization that raises money for indigent fighters, a Ring Magazine spokesman said.

IOC narrows down city choices for 2004 Games

LAUSANNE (Reuter) - The International Olympic Committee (IOC) selected Athens, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Rome and Stockholm as the five final candidates to host the 2004 Summer Games on Friday. The cities, chosen from the 11 candidates bidding for the Games, will now go forward to a vote of the full IOC session on September 5, also in Lausanne, when the venue will be decided. The unlucky candidates were Istanbul, Lille, Rio de Janeiro, San Juan, Seville and St. Petersburg. An IOC selection college made the decision after studying a detailed technical report of each bid and hearing presentations from all 11 candidates on Thursday. There were no real surprises in the five chosen cities with Athens, Buenos Aires, Rome and Stockholm coming out best from the IOCs' evaluation report on the technical merits of their bids. Cape Town was expected to be added to the list for geographical and political reasons. The continent of Africa has never staged an Olympic Games and many sporting leaders have said in the past that South Africa deserves international

recognition for its transition from the apartheid era. The selection of Buenos Aires also offers South America the chance to stage the Olympics for the first time. Rome and Athens are expected to be the front-runners even though both have staged the Games before. Rome last held the Summer Olympics in 1960 but have facilities which are the envy of many other candidates. Athens are pushing strongly as the city where the modern Games began in 1896.

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Strengths and weaknesses of the bidders

CITY	STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
ATHENS	LOCAL SUPPORT - Excellent with 96.4 percent support. VENUES - Good conditions for most venues. Existing stadium will be updated and used as an 80,000-seat Olympic Stadium. The stadium would start on the historic site of Marathon and finish in the original marble 1956 Olympic Stadium. FACILITIES - High-quality. Village 30 minutes from city. ACCOMMODATION - Four-five star, 8,076 rooms and cruise ships.	ENVIRONMENT - Possibility of high pollution due to high temperatures during the period of the Games. But government efforts have shown positive results in cleaning up the air, pollution problem. TRANSPORT - Significant problems with airport access and transportation within the city. However, major projects are underway to alleviate the situation. BUDGET - Doubts over the \$285 million in revenues budgeted.
BUENOS AIRES	LOCAL SUPPORT - 86.2 percent aware, of whom 70.8 in favor. VENUES - Good conditions for tennis, judo, aerobics-gymnastics, basketball and cycling. Also good soccer stadiums. An existing 80,000-seat stadium will be converted into a 65,000-seat Olympic Stadium. FACILITIES - Convenient and environmentally-friendly. ENVIRONMENT - Realistic program and low impact on the natural environment.	ACCOMMODATION - Up to 80-70 percent capacity expansion needed. TRANSPORT - Airport needs major improvement for both facilities and organization. Airport needs major renovation and some cost estimates appear to be low. VENUES - Technical challenges for rowing and canoeing. Mountain biking venue more than four hours away from the city and should be reconstructed. WEATHER - Possibility of rain, temperatures of 10 degrees Celsius.
CAPE TOWN	LOCAL SUPPORT - The Committee says the Games will help unite South Africans in post-Apartheid transition. Full government support although local poll results inconclusive. VENUES - Some sites will help economic development. The Committee says the Games would increase employment and help social advancement. Good conditions for most venues. A 75,000-seat Olympic Stadium will be built within walking distance of the village.	ENVIRONMENT - Preliminary environmental studies needed. SECURITY - Serious crime situation is a challenge. TRANSPORT - Good basic infrastructure but many improvements needed, particularly for the airport and railways. CAPACITY - 5,000 existing and planned four-five star hotel rooms. BUDGET - Sponsorship and ticket sales revenues on the high side. LEGISLATION - New pieces of legislation needed.
ROME	LOCAL SUPPORT - Latest poll shows 81 percent of the city supports the bid. VENUES - Excellent and professional plans. Some sites in historic locations. Good conditions for most venues. Existing 85,000-seat stadium. ACCOMMODATION - Excellent with 6,000 rooms-out of 15,440 existing four-five star rooms offered.	TRANSPORT - Traffic major problem but improvements planned.
STOCKHOLM	LOCAL SUPPORT - Excellent and professional plans. Some sites in historic locations. Good conditions for most venues. Existing 80,000-seat stadium. ACCOMMODATION - Excellent with 8,000 rooms-out of 107,916 existing and 6,600 future planned rooms.	LOCAL SUPPORT - 52 percent of population opposes the bid on ecological and environmental concerns. But the Committee claims more and more Swedes are now supporting the bid.

Florida continues to fade in home loss to Calgary

MIAMI (AP) - The Florida Panthers continued their late-season swoon, losing 3-1 to the Calgary Flames Friday night as Dave Gagner scored two goals. The Panthers, last season's Stanley Cup finalists, continued to fade in the Atlantic Division. They have just one win in their last 10 games (1-7-2). Their only consolation was that they snapped a two-game scoreless streak. The Panthers finally got a goal when Ray Sheppard scored midway through the second period. Gagner scored three minutes into the game, and added an empty-net goal with 31 seconds left. Mike Sullivan scored for Calgary early in the third period, only his fourth of the season.

Hill swallows his pride with a smile

MELBOURNE (Reuter) - Damon Hill was disappointed for more than one reason after squeezing on to the back row of the grid for today's season-opening Australian Grand Prix. "For a moment," he said, "I thought I was going to have a Saturday night out in Melbourne...." More seriously, he was relieved - but disappointed at his qualifying performance in his first outing with his new Arrows Yamaha team. He had just avoided becoming the first world drivers' champion to fail to qualify for the next race he entered. "One minute, we were not going to be in the race at all, the next minute, we made it," he said. "We were beset with problems with the race car so I had to take the spare car and it wasn't really set upright, but I don't think qualifying 20th is representative of our

true pace. "I hope we can do a lot better in the race than we have done in qualifying and I am just here to get to the finish, I am here to get the best possible result I can. "It is the first race of the season, we haven't done to well in testing and when we get some running I think we can do better." Hill had not expected to dominate qualifying as his old Williams team mate Jacques Villeneuve did with ease. But had not expected to be left struggling at the back of the grid - and battling to get on to the race. "I've got to admit it is disappointing to be 20th," he said. "But the race scenario is quite different. If we can finish it will be really good and I am hopeful. What else can I be?" His team chief Tom Walkinshaw made no excuses. Hill was on the back row of the grid and his team mate Pedro Diniz of Brazil had failed to qualify.

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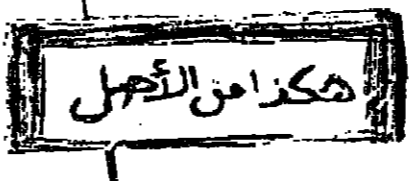
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Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) service in the area around the GOC.
Medical help for tourists
English 177-022, 910
The National Poison Control Center at Rambam Hospital 04-852-2055. 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning:
Eran - Emotional First Aid - 1201, also Jerusalem 561-0303, Tel Aviv 549-1111 (children/young 696-1113); Haifa 687-2229; Beer Sheva 699-4333; Netanya 862-5110, Kamal 988-9770, Kiryat Sava 787-4555; Hadera 634-6789.
Wizo hotlines for battered women 02-651-1111, 03-548-1333 (also in Russian), 07-637-8310; 09-855-0508 (also in Arabic).
Rape Crisis Center 24 hours, Tel Aviv 523-4819, 544-4819 (non), Jerusalem 625-5558, Hadera 633-0533, Eilat 633-1977.
Hadassah Medical Organization - Israeli Cancer Association support service 02-524-7570).



Betar step up title stranglehold

By DEREK FASTAL and ORI LEWIS

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well-taken goal after previously hitting the crossbar, although Alon Mizrahi almost provided an instant reply for Bnei Yehuda when he fired against the post just two minutes later. The Maccabi backline led by Gadi Brumer quickly reassessed its control and the play began to move once again towards the Bnei Yehuda goalmouth.

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aged to repel the attacks and gain another vital three points as they attempt to scale greater heights in the standings. Beit She'an 2, Hap. Tel Aviv 1. Beit She'an put on one of their best performances of the season in Friday's only game as they inflicted yet another defeat on Hapoel Tel Aviv, to leave the visitors still looking for a first victory under the guidance of Dror Kashtan.

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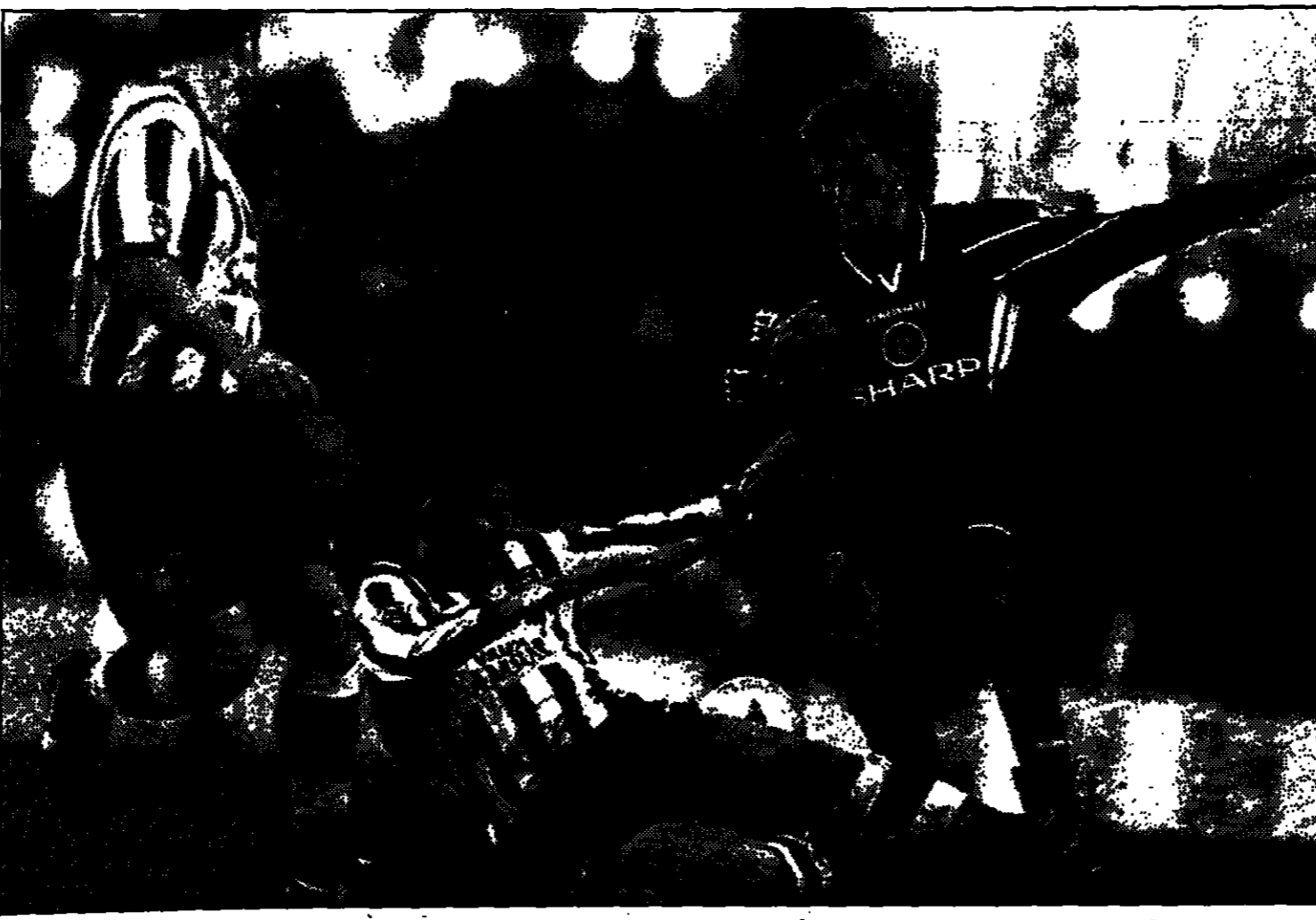
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SECOND DIVISION. Table with columns for Team, P, W, D, L, GF, GA, Pts. Includes teams like Maccabi Netanya, Hapoel Ashdod, Hapoel Ramat Gan.

Man U. lose first league match since November

LONDON (Reuter) - Manchester United's hopes of extending their lead at the top of the English premier league were dashed yesterday, the champions losing 2-1 at Sunderland.



Manchester United's Phil Neville tackles Sunderland's Paul Bracewell at Roker Park yesterday. Sunderland won 2-1.

calmly lifted it over advancing goalkeeper Martin Taylor who was making his first appearance since breaking his leg in October 1994. Middlesbrough had to defend in depth in the second half but clinched a deserved victory in the last minute through Italian striker Fabrizio Ravanello.

I was not the way Derby wanted to remember their last FA Cup tie after 102 years at the Baseball Ground. The club move to a new stadium next season. The three remaining Cup quarter-finals take place today as Chelsea visit Portsmouth, Sheffield Wednesday play Wimbledon and Chesterfield face Wrexham in an all-second division clash.

the 50th minute following a precise pass by Patrick Vieira and settled the issue with a penalty after Alf-Inge Haaland had handled. Everton have now managed just one win in 12 attempts and produced another poor show at Leeds for whom Robert Molenar headed the only goal after 28 minutes.

England Premier League. Table with columns for Team, GP, W, D, L, GF, GA, Pts. Includes teams like Manchester United, Arsenal, Liverpool.

Kipketer sets indoor 800m mark

PARIS (Reuter) - Wilson Kipketer made athletics history on Friday when he became the first person to win a world record bonus at a world championships. The Kenyan-born Dane shattered the world 800 meters record by nearly a second in the fifth and final first round heat on the opening day of the three-day world indoor championships.

He earned \$50,000 for his day's work with the probability of a further \$50,000 for winning the final today. Olympic 100 meters champion Gail Devers was also \$50,000 better off on Friday night as the first athlete to win prize money at a championships.

Both women were awarded the same time of 7.15 but Devers was given the place in the final ahead of the Greek after officials re-examined the photo-finish. Last year Devers won the Olympic title by five-thousandths of a second ahead of Merlene Ottey after taking almost as narrow a victory over the Jamaican at the 1993 world outdoor championships.

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Nahum in Paris final

Rogel Nahum's triple jump on Friday in the world indoor athletics championships in Paris lifted him into today's final round. Nahum, who holds the national record of 16.84 meters, leaped to 16.82m in the preliminary rounds, placing third in his group and seventh overall.

His appearance in the final will reward him with NIS 3,500. The event will be broadcast live today on Eurosport at 5.15pm. Nahum was the sole Israeli to reach a final at the Paris meeting. High jumpers Constantin Manuvelich and Itai Margalit both produced jumps of 2.20m, insufficient for the final while pole vaulters Dani Krasnov and Constantin Simyonev failed to clear the beginning height of 5.55m.

Cahana ends up second best in women's tennis final

Local player Nataly Cahana lost in the final of the \$10,000 women's tennis tournament in Tel Aviv yesterday, going down 3-6, 6-7(4/7) to Miroslava Vavrinec from Switzerland. Cahana's appearance in the final echoed Tzippi Obziler's performance of the week before in Jaffa although Obziler went on to win that event. In the semi-finals on Friday, Cahana ousted Obziler 7-6(7/3), 2-6, 7-5 and Vavrinec swept past qualifier Milena Nekvapilova from the Czech Republic 7-5, 6-4.

NBA

FRIDAY'S RESULTS: New York 113, Boston 102; San Antonio 106, Toronto 103; Miami 108, Washington 105; Atlanta 90, Milwaukee 80; Minnesota 96, Denver 83; Chicago 104, Indiana 96; Utah 95, Detroit 88; Phoenix 104, Sacramento 87; Portland 90, Dallas 86; Seattle 109, New Jersey 90; Houston 111, L.A. Lakers 90; Golden State 108, Orlando 101. THURSDAY'S RESULTS: Atlanta 117, Philadelphia 104; Charlotte 122, Boston 121; Washington 99, Miami 95; New Jersey 102, Vancouver 96; Orlando 94, L.A. Clippers 93.

SCOREBOARD

CRICKET - Sarav Ganguly and Nayan Mongia rescued India after a collapse against debutant paceman Franklyn Rose in the first Test against West Indies at Sabina Park yesterday. Ganguly and Mongia batted through the afternoon session on the third day to take India from 155 for five to 234 for five at tea in reply to West Indies first innings of 427.

England Premier League

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Table listing Israeli shares in New York with columns for Last Change and AMEX/NASDAQ.

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WALL STREET REPORT

US stocks gain on jobs data. Federal Reserve would raise interest rates soon.

Key Representative Rates. US Dollar ...NIS 3.3690 - 0.03%.

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks and bonds rose sharply Friday after February jobs data showed little upward pressure on wages, easing worries that the

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Table showing NYSE Stocks, DJ Industrials, and other market indices.

NYSE STOCKS

Table listing NYSE stocks with Unchanged and Advances columns.

OTHER STOCK MARKET INDEXES

Table listing other stock market indices like FTSE 100 and Nikkei.

US COMMODITIES (US)

Table listing US commodities like Gold, Oil, and Wheat.

LONDON COMMODITIES

Table listing London commodities like Gold and Silver.

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

Table listing spot market metals like Gold and Silver.

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

Table listing New York metal futures like Gold and Silver.

LONDON METAL FIXES

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PARIS

Table listing Paris market data like Accor and Alcatel.

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CURRENCY REPORT

Dollar sets another three-year high against mark. NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar hit its fourth straight three-year high against the mark Friday on strong US jobs data.

WORLD MARKET REPORT

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GREENSPAN'S PARTY

Greenspan's party. NEW YORK (AP) - In truth, nobody wants the party to continue more than Alan Greenspan. But the hour is late, after all, with the economy and the markets working on their seventh straight year of prosperity.

GREENSPAN'S PARTY

Greenspan's party. But after two weeks of drama, very little has truly changed. Rising manufacturing costs and other price pressures continue to mount, but inflation has yet to really accelerate.

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LONDON (Reuters) - Shares pushed further into record territory, closing higher for the fourth consecutive session and for the 13th time this year as Wall Street continued to defy gravity.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

Noam Sheriff leads the Israel Chamber Orchestra in Scriabin's Fifth Symphony and Prokofiev's Classical Symphony while British violinist Gyorgy Pauk performs Lutoslawski's *Chain II* for Violin and Orchestra tonight and tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Museum (8:30).

Renowned Spanish pianist Joaquín Achúcarro presents a recital of music by Granados and Albéniz preceded by Ravel's *Gaspard de la Nuit* and the same composer's *Valses Nobles et Sentimentales*. Tonight at Yad Labanim in Ra'anana (9).



Gyorgy Pauk plays Lutoslawski in Tel Aviv.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

There are some roles that make actors salivate. That of Maria Callas is one of them. Playwright Terence McNally's Tony Award-winning *Master Class* is a tour de force for the actress playing the legendary diva giving one of her rare master classes. They were the in place to be in the '70s, and the glitterati packed the house. The Habimah production stars Gila Almagor as Callas talking about her life, her loves and her art. Her students are up-and-coming tenor Yevgeny Shapovalov, and soprano Lilach Koch and Hen Reis. Tonight and all week in Meakin Hall at 8:30.

emotional personal world of *Shijima* which means serenity, the serenity that comes after pain. At the Jerusalem Theater on the Sherover stage tonight and tomorrow night at 8:30.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

Sanjaku Juku, Japan's foremost exponents of Butoh, are here with *Shijima*, a piece in seven movements for five dancers led by Ushio Amagatsu and Ansuhi Ogata. There is no usual athleticism or visual gimmicks in this transformative piece. The dancers take you with them onto another plane, and into the intimate,

LECTURE

HELEN KAYE

Adult fairy tales? Sure. Why not? Austrian writer and storyteller Folke Tegethoff has been spinning them ever since his first book rocketed to fame in 1978. Now, 28 books and more than 1 million copies later, Tegethoff is here to talk about fairy tales and about his international Graz Tales story telling festival in Graz, Austria, from May 13 to 19. Tonight in Haifa at Beit Rutenberg at 5. (German)

TV

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:55 Exercise Time
7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Herzl and Zionism
8:30 Deshinos
9:00 Geography
9:20 Nature
9:30 English
9:45 Programs for the very young
10:15 Social Sciences
10:45 Arithmetic
11:10 English
12:00 Mathematics in Daily Life
12:30 Social Sciences
13:00 In the Heat of the Night
14:00 Surprise Train
14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy
14:35 Babar the Elephant
15:00 Pretty Butterfly

CHANNEL 2

15:30 Motorbike from Mars
15:55 Body - animation
16:20 Five on the Roof
18:25 Byker Grove
18:45 Super Ben
18:55 Zap to Basel
19:00 A New Evening
17:24 Zappy Improvisation
18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Amal and Kamal's Studio
19:00 News in Arabic
HEBREW PROGRAMS
18:30 News flash
18:31 With Tom and Dalit
20:00 News
20:45 A Second Look
21:00 Personal Story
22:00 The Camera Quintet
22:30 World Soccer
23:00 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

CHANNEL 3

6:15 Today's Programs
6:30 The Bear
6:55 This Morning with Gali Gazit and Rivka Michaeli
9:00 This Morning with Rivka Michaeli
9:55 News
10:45 Dynasty (pt) 11:40 L.A. Law (pt) 12:30 Genie and the Captain
13:00 Teen Cards
14:00 Echo Point
14:20 Tic Tac
15:00 The Flintstones
15:30 Madson
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshel
17:30 Click - dating show hosted by Karin Ovir and Nir Fridman
18:30 Roscoe
18:30 Carr Hurly Love
18:00 Crazy Camcorder Camera
18:15 Backwards
20:00 News
20:30 Dudu Topaz
22:00 Rafi Reshel - talk show
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00:00 News
00:20 News in New York - continued
1:50 Moonlight - with Michal Shavit
2:25 Mozart into the Night
3:05 On the Edge of the Shell

JORDAN TV

14:00 Holy Koran
14:05 Johnny Quest

TV

CHANNEL 4

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:55 Exercise Time
7:00 Good Morning Israel

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Utilities (1963) - comedy about a social worker turned vigilante against the utility companies. With Robert Hayes and Brooke Adams. (99 mins.)
13:05 Mohawk (1956) (pt)
16:20 Seeing Stars
15:10 Bone Benders de Hong Kong (French, 1975) - comedy of first season
16:25 E.R. - reruns
00:15 ENG Newsroom
1:05 Barnaby Jones

MIDDLE EAST TV

16:30 Changed Lives
11:30 Hour of Power
12:30 Central Message
13:00 Love Worth Finding
14:00 This Is Your Day
14:30 John Osteen
15:00 In Touch
16:30 Snowy River
16:55 America's Funniest Home Videos
17:20 The A-Team
18:10 Heroes
18:30 Bob Newhart
18:30 Rhoda
20:00 Cats' Eyes
21:00 Remington Steele
22:30 Hill Street Blues
23:00 Lou Grant
00:00 Love Connection

ITV 3 (3)

18:15 The Thirst of Years
17:00 Weekly Column
18:10 Amores
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 News
21:00 News
21:15 Blah Blah
22:30 The Duchess of Duke Street
23:30 The Royal Theatre

ITV 2 (2)

15:30 All Together Now
16:00 The Heart of Things
16:30 Possible World
17:00 Zomba
17:30 High-Tech Culture
18:00 Cybermats
18:30 Media File
19:30 Herzl and Zionism
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 News
21:00 Star Trek: The Next Generation
21:45 Ely Lir (1983) - an ambitious but lazy young clerk escapes the dull reality of his humdrum job into a rich world of fantasy. With Tom Courtenay and Julie Christie. (94 mins.)
23:30 Jerusalem in Art
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CHILDREN (8)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 Nils Holgersson
9:30 The Center of Things
10:00 Pink Panther Show
10:20 Clarissa Explains
10:45 The Center of Things
11:35 Saved by the Bell
11:35 Little University
12:00 Shest-Tus
12:30 Hugo
12:35 Make Believe Closet
13:10 Bernstein Bears
13:35 Honey Bee Hatch
14:30 Journey to the Center of the Earth
14:30 Nils Holgersson
15:00 The Center of Things
15:15 Pink Panther Show
15:50 Family Matter
16:15 The Center of Things
16:35 California Dreams
17:05 I and Friends
17:45 Twisted Tales of Folk
18:00 Hugo
18:30 Iau Tau
19:05 Ms. Bogus
19:35 Breaking News 007 and a Half
20:25 Married with Children
20:50 Roseanne
21:15 Sliders

SECOND SHOWING (6)

12:00 Libera Me
2:00 Best of the Tonight Show with Jay Leno
3:00 MSNBC Intermittent Weekend
4:00 Frost's Century
5:00 STAR PLUS (unconfirmed)
6:00 Hindi shows
8:00 Great Escape
8:30 India Business Week
9:00 Living On the Edge
9:30 Star Trek
10:30 Hindi shows
10:30 Asia India Show
10:30 Plus Preview
10:30 Hindi shows
10:30 Star News Sunday
10:30 Midas Touch - BBC documentary series about money
23:00 In Which We Serve (1942) - Noel Coward and David Lean's wartime drama about sailors and their families. All-star cast includes John Mills, Bernard Miles and Celia Johnson
1:00 Seakork
2:00 Nanny and the Professor
6:00 Talking with David Lee
7:00 Travel Xpress
7:30 Inspiration
10:00 Executive Styles
10:30 Europe A La Carte
11:00 Travel Xpress
11:30 Flavors of Italy
12:00 Super Shop
13:00 NBC Super Sports
13:30 Gibraltar World Sports
14:00 Inside the PGA tour
14:00 NBC Super Sports
16:00 NBA Basketball
17:00 Dataline
18:00 The McLaughlin Group
18:30 Meet The Press
19:00 Scan
20:00 Europe A La Carte
20:30 Travel Xpress
21:00 Time and Again
22:00 This is Pegasus
22:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
23:00 Profiler
1:00 Takin' Care
1:30 The Ticket

PRIME TIME TV

Time	Channel	Program	Channel	Program
7:00	1	News flash	1	6:30 News flash
7:00	2	News	2	6:31 News in Arabic
7:00	3	Sunset Beach	3	6:55 Exercise Time
7:00	4	Dudu Topaz	4	7:00 Good Morning Israel
7:00	5	Thru King	5	
7:00	6	Friends	6	
7:00	7	ER	7	
7:00	8	Rafi Reshel	8	
7:00	9	Love Story with Yossi Siyas	9	
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7:00	11	News flash	11	
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7:00	20	Friends	20	

PRIME SPORTS
4:45 Auto Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix
7:00 NBA Game of the Week - San Antonio Spurs vs. Indiana Pacers
8:00 Asia India Show
9:30 Cricket: Indian Tour of West Indies
10:30 Golf: Inside PGA Tour
11:00 Sports India
11:30 Asian Soccer Show
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RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC
8:00 Morning Concert
8:05 Mafredine
9:00 Light Classical - 3 arts from Rinaldo, Adria and Giulio Cesare; Mozart; Cwair in E flat for piano and string; K493; Schumann; Symphony no 3
10:15 Brahms: Sonata no 1 in G for violin and piano op 78; Respighi: Concerto da camera for flute, cor Anglais and strings; Tchaikovsky: Suite no 1 in D minor op 43
11:00 Light Classical - words by Verdi, Weber/Berlioz, Liszt, R. Strauss, Dvozak
12:00 Artists of the Week - Keller; Caspari, old and new; Bruckner: Quintet in F for strings; Lazzio Sary: Variations for strings
14:00 Encore
15:00 New CD - Gil Shulam and Ori Shalom play works for violin and piano by Dvorak: Sonata in F op 57; Romantic Pieces op 75; Sonata in G op 100
16:00 Music for Sunday - Bach: St. Mark Passion; Scarlatti: Sonata; Stravinsky: The Firebird; Copland: Piano Sonata
18:00 New CDs - Chopin: Nocturne in B (Kemp), Sonata no 2 in B flat major and piano (Kemp); Rachmaninoff: The Ballad; Stravinsky: Fire of Spring arr for 2 pianos (Frith, Hill)
20:00 From Our Concert Hall - Israel Chamber Orchestra conduct. Noam Sheriff. Israeli works, including Classical Symphony, Lutoslawski: Chain II for violin and orch; Schubert: Symphony no 8
23:00 Sounds to End the Day



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Crawlers with pins and needles vanishing fashion (10)
9 The swine requiring lawyers to admit nothing (4)
10 How one sees oneself - as thoughtful (10)
11 Brilliance can have such an odd result (6)
12 Bearing with a madman causing smash (7)
15 A deep-voiced vocalist in the main? (3-4)
16 To measure the depth would be sensible (5)
17 Hazardous spots (4)
18 A delay returning from holiday (4)
19 Many fear about to provide for others (5)
21 Hill is retired and on the twist (7)

DOWN

2 Some people hope never to have to start (4)
3 Very advance channel (6)
4 Stirs it's nice to create (7)
5 Showing spirit about article making a profit (4)
6 Gave in and returned (7)

22 The team in red remained (7)
24 A man about to right a loud-mouthed bully (8)
27 Well-organized Australian revelry (10)
28 There's a small number over - twelve (4)
29 Turner is employed to do some cooking (10)

7 Set against players brought in unofficially (10)
8 Pasture that's environmentalists' responsibility (10)
12 Chafing, so withdrawing from competition (10)
13 He takes out and tars farm equipment (10)
14 Dispute over an ornamental tree (5)
15 Decide the forecaster about one point (5)
18 Rather less gentlemanly chaser, as they say (7)
20 Comments about European currency (7)
23 The resident may have an item ordered (6)
25 Sums up an old English steer (4)
26 She's written a note repeatedly (4)

SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

1 ESTEEM (5)
4 ADVISORY (5)
8 CUTS (5)
9 GIVER (7)
10 SET ASIDE (7)
11 ADHESIVE (4)
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Police hope Bar-On probe in final week

By Jerusalem Post Staff

A number of the central figures in the Bar-On Affair are to be questioned again this week, some of them under caution, as the probe enters what police hope will be its seventh and final week.

Those expected to be questioned include Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman, Shas MK Aryeh Deri, Roni Bar-On, and Likud activist David Appel.

Police are investigating allegations revealed by Channel 1 television, according to which Shas made a deal to support the Hebron agreement in exchange for Bar-On being appointed attorney-general and arranging a plea bargain for Deri, who is on trial for fraud.

Today a decision is to be made whether to request Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who has not yet been questioned, may be called to give evidence this week. Hammer obtained in the cabinet vote on the Bar-On appointment.

Over the weekend, police and the State Attorney's Office were

reported to be in disagreement over the legal implications of the findings thus far.

The police are reportedly inclined to recommend serving indictments against several personalities in the probe on charges of conspiracy, fraud, and breach of trust. However, the State Attorney's Office is taking a more conservative stance and is not yet prepared to recommend indictments.

Senior police officers and officials in the State Attorney's Office, including State Attorney Edna Arbel, reportedly had a heated discussion on the issue over the weekend.

However, spokesmen for the police and the State Attorney's Office denied the reports, saying they had not yet discussed whether to serve indictments.

Most of the police evidence focuses on Deri, who allegedly acted to bring about Bar-On's appointment out of extraneous and personal considerations, and Hanegbi, who is suspected of breach of trust in presenting incorrect facts regarding the appointment to the cabinet and the prime minister.

Mordechai, Shahak give IAF pep talk

By ARNIE O'SULLIVAN

The IAF, under fire from the media and parents of some of the 73 soldiers who were killed in the February 4 helicopter collision, got a pep talk from Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak over the weekend.

Mordechai met with top IAF commanders, including all branch and base commanders, for three hours on Friday to discuss the atmosphere in the force in the wake of the helicopter tragedy and subsequent inquiry.

"I heard from them about their great pain over the tragedy... but I can't put the blame on anyone," Mordechai said.

The IAF commanders took issue with the public's growing hostility toward the force as the inquiry headed by former OC Air

Force David Ivry proceeds. Mordechai and Shahak told the IAF commanders that they had the full backing of the military and the government.

The defense minister rejected calls to dismiss senior air force commanders, including OC Air Force Maj-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu.

"The air force commanders are wonderful people and the air force is responsible for defending the state and in some circumstances even our existence," Mordechai said on Army Radio.

But Mordechai said if the intensive work being done by the Ivry commission of inquiry revealed that there were people against whom action had to be taken, the army would do so.

"A terrible tragedy has befallen us with very deep consequences," Mordechai said in a statement.



Yoel Herzog speaks to the press outside Grasse Prison on Friday, after being released on bail.

Yoel Herzog released on bail

By ELDAD BECK

PARIS - Israeli businessman Yoel Herzog, son of former president Chaim Herzog, was released on bail Friday from a French prison, where he had been held since December on suspicion of involvement in a corruption scandal in Cannes.

Herzog, 47, who works for his father-in-law, Swiss businessman and vice president of the World Jewish Congress Nessim Gaon, returned immediately after his release to Geneva, where

he lives with his wife and four children.

The investigating magistrate in the case said Herzog would be called to stand trial in two months' time, but sources close to the investigation said the trial would take place later, since more time is needed to collect evidence.

Herzog is one of the directors of Gaon's Noga group, which owns the Noga Hilton Hotel in Cannes. Allegations have been made against Gaon and Herzog that they bribed Cannes's mayor for a license to operate a casino in the

hotel. Gaon's and Herzog's lawyers claim that the mayor extorted the bribe by using threats and other forms of pressure.

French authorities had invited Herzog, who has Israeli and Swiss citizenship, to France to answer questions in connection with the allegations. Herzog came to Grasse on his own volition on December 2, but was immediately arrested. His lawyers say the three-month incarceration was in complete violation of international law.

Half of Swiss support fund

By MARILYN HENRY

Half the Swiss support the government plan to launch the humanitarian fund for Holocaust victims and others, although there was significant opposition, according to a poll published over the weekend.

The plan is to use the "income" from Sfr 7 billion in official gold reserves to start the fund, which will aid victims of the Holocaust, human rights abuses and disasters. The fund also has drawn mainly right-wing criticism, and was opposed by 33 percent of 600 people surveyed, according to the newspaper *Berner Zeitung*.

The random poll still reflected the first sign of popular support after two days of criticism, led by industrialist Christoph Blocher, that suggested that the idea could be shot down in a referendum.

"This is a pleasant surprise. This result demonstrates a very widespread willingness among the Swiss people to support solidarity," government spokesman Achille Casanova told the newspaper about the poll. The *Berner Zeitung* survey was sharp contrast to a telephone survey by the tabloid *Blick* that appeared on Friday. Under the banner headline "No!", the tabloid said 90% of nearly 4,000 callers had denounced the plan as a waste of Swiss central bank gold reserves.

The government fund is separate from a humanitarian fund launched last month by the three leading Swiss banks. Last Thursday, a federation of Swiss companies said it will contribute \$46 million to that fund - the so-called "private fund" - bringing to \$188 million the amount to compensate needy Nazi victims.

USAF, Justice apologize for boycotting Jews

NEW YORK (AP) - The US Air Force and Justice Department have settled charges that they had ordered the exclusion of Jews from a government project in Saudi Arabia, despite a law banning US companies from respecting the Arab boycott of Israel and Jews, reports said.

The charges were brought by the Commerce Department, which is authorized to enforce the anti-boycott law. The settlement, recently filed with the Commerce Department, was first reported last Wednesday by *The Journal of Commerce*.

As part of the settlement, the Justice Department and Air Force apologized and promised to abide by the law.

An Air Force colonel first suggested excluding Jews and "Jewish-surnamed personnel," and a Justice Department official approved it, according to the settlement. There was no evidence that the government of Saudi Arabia played any role in the exclusion.

The settlement stemmed from a 1991 lawsuit filed against the United States by The Boeing Co. The government hired an outside contractor, CACI Inc. of Virginia, to photocopy thousands of documents in Saudi Arabia to prepare for the lawsuit, which concerned military sales abroad.

A proposal for the project contained the provision: "No Jews or Jewish-surnamed personnel will be sent as part of the Document Acquisition Team because of cultural differences between Moslems and Jews in the region."

At least one Jewish worker was denied employment on the project and was compensated. The Commerce Department imposed a fine of \$15,000 against CACI, *The New York Times* reported yesterday. As part of the settlement, CACI signed a statement that it was mistaken "to follow orders from two federal government agencies" on the assumption that the orders were legal, the *Times* reported. Fines against individual company and government officials were suspended.

Responding to the report, Defense Secretary William Cohen has instructed all branches of the military to ensure such discrimination is not repeated.

stand for the further strengthening of relations between us and Israel." The president said he had been "impressed greatly" when he met Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in Lisbon in December and said he expects to visit Israel later this year.

Karimov stressed his country's firm stand against the spread of Islamic fundamentalism and great respect for the traditions of Uzbekistan's 30,000 Jews.

"Fundamentalism of any kind is absolutely unacceptable to us," he said, citing threats to the central Asian republic from neighboring Afghanistan and Iran.

BEIRUT (Reuters) - Lebanon's information minister has overruled a ban on distribution of materials published in Israel and authorized the sale of a book by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu's book would help the Lebanese understand what Israel is up to, information Minister Bassam Sabab said. "The book contributes to improving the knowledge and awareness of Arab and Lebanese citizens towards the Zionist and Israeli plans and uncovers the thoughts that rule behavior of the enemy prime minister," Sabab said.

Uzbekistan opens embassy in Tel Aviv

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

TASHKENT - Uzbekistan President Islam Karimov announced Friday that he had officially upgraded the Uzbeki Consulate in Tel Aviv to an embassy.

Karimov told a delegation of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations here on a four-day trip that the change had been made several days before, but his was the first official announcement.

"We stand for a peaceful solution of the problems which will pay respect to both Israel and the other party," Karimov said. "We

Lebanon lifts Netanyahu book ban

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Buenos Aires	04	34	29	88	clear
Calcutta	12	54	28	72	partly
Chicago	02	36	07	45	partly
Copenhagen	03	37	14	57	partly
Frankfurt	01	34	15	59	clear
Geneva	02	35	15	59	clear
Helsinki	00	30	09	48	clear
Hong Kong	20	82	24	75	clear
Jakarta	12	54	12	54	clear
Johannesburg	15	59	10	50	clear
London	10	50	10	50	clear
Los Angeles	05	41	19	66	clear
Mexico	02	28	04	39	clear
Moscow	02	28	04	39	clear
New York	05	41	16	61	clear
Paris	05	41	14	57	clear
Rome	05	41	14	57	clear
Stockholm	01	34	10	50	clear
Sydney	10	50	26	79	clear
Tokyo	10	50	11	52	clear
Toronto	-01	30	-02	28	snow
Vienna	01	34	17	63	clear
Zurich	01	34	17	63	clear

Winning cards

The winning cards in Friday Mifal Hapayis Chance draw were the 10 of spades, jack of hearts, ace of diamonds, and nine of clubs.

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BY STEVE RODAN
The Jerusalem Post Staff

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